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Welcome to Sakurajo High, home to some of the most privileged boys in Japan! Koji's mother just married up in the world and now this average boy is finding it hard to adjust to a school where nearly all of his peers have grown up wealthy. Meanwhile, Taiki is a playboy who insists that he doesn't want to go steady...until he meets the adorable rent-a-boy, Makoto! And how will the charming Romeo—the French-Japanese Kotaro—keep his innocent little Juliet away from rival suitors? Some boys will find true love at Sakurajo while others won't. Will chance keep them apart forever?

Love Training follows the lives of different students as they find out what it's like to attend a school full of beautiful boys! Where one story ends, another begins. Find out what goes on after class in this boys' love treat!

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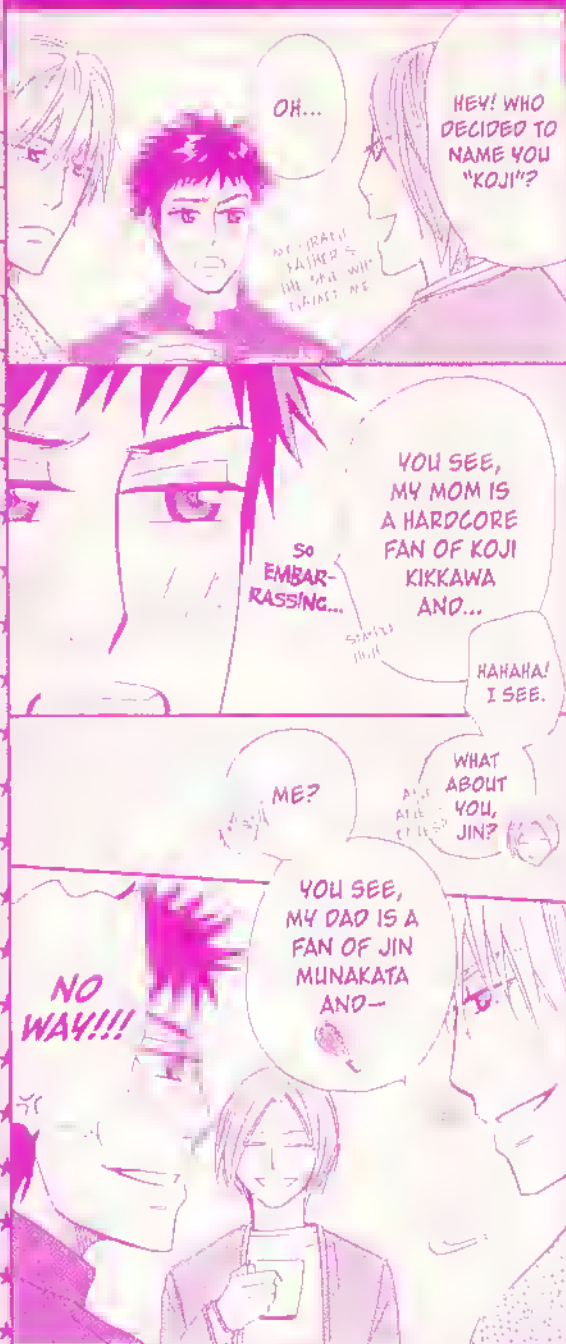
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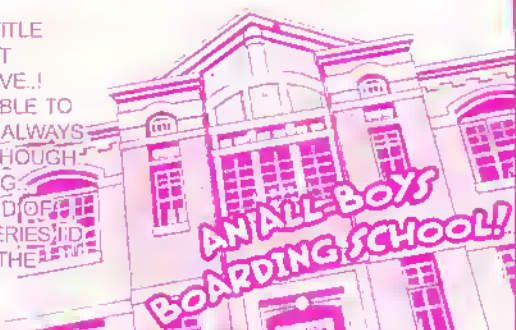


*KOJI KIKAWA: FAMOUS JAPANESE SINGER/SONGWRITER/MUSICIAN
*JIN MUNAKATA IS A FICTIONAL CHARACTER, A STRICT TENNIS COACH FROM THE FAMOUS SHOJO SPORTS MANGA "AIM FOR THE ACE" (ACE O' NEHAÉ)

AFTER-WORD

HELLO. IT'S BEEN A WHILE
OR PERHAPS IT'S THE FIRST TIME MEETING
YOU. I'M TATSUMI KAIYA. THANK YOU VERY
MUCH FOR TAKING THIS VOLUME OF "LOVE
TRAINING" IN HAND - NOT TO MENTION
LOOKING UNDER THE JACKET!

"LOVE TRAINING" IS MY FIFTH B.L. TITLE OUT OF THE FIVE, IT HAS THE MOST CONVENIENT SETUP FOR BOYS-LOVE..! OR SO I THOUGHT, BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO FULLY REALIZE ITS POTENTIAL. AS ALWAYS I HAD A LOT OF FUN DRAWING IT-THOUGH! TWINS, GLASSES, PLAYFUL FLIRTING. I HAD FREE REIN I'VE GROWN FOND OF THE CHARACTERS, SO THIS IS A SERIES I'D LOVE TO COME BACK TO IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY



1. What is a cell?
 - A small structure that is the basic unit of life.
 - It is the smallest unit of life that can survive on its own.
 - It is the basic unit of structure and function of an organism.



THIS SERIES ALSO HAS THE PECULIAR FEATURE OF SHIFTING STORY FOCUS, SO THERE ARE MANY CHARACTERS I DECIDED TO PUT ALL OF THEM ON THE COVER. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE DRAWN A COLOR ILLUSTRATION OF SO MANY CHARACTERS. AND IT WAS A LOT OF FUN."

LASTLY,
BIG THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE
WHO HELPED ME IN THE
PUBLICATION OF THIS BOOK
MY EDITOR K-SAMA, DESIGNER
K-SAMA, MY ASSISTANT O-SAN.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH I HOPE
TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH
YOU

AND I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL
TO YOU, THE READER,
FOR READING THIS FAR.
I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN
IN MY NEXT BOOK...

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THE SCHOOL IS
LOCATED IN THE
SUMMER RESORT
AREA OF TAKAHARA,
OVERLOOKING THE
KANTO PLAIN.

NEXT STOP-
SAKURAJO
HIGH
SCHOOL...

THREE-AND-
A-HALF HOURS
FROM TOKYO BY
TRAIN AND BUS...

STARTING
FROM TODAY,
THIS IS MY
SCHOOL...

LET'S
HAVE
SOME
FUN!

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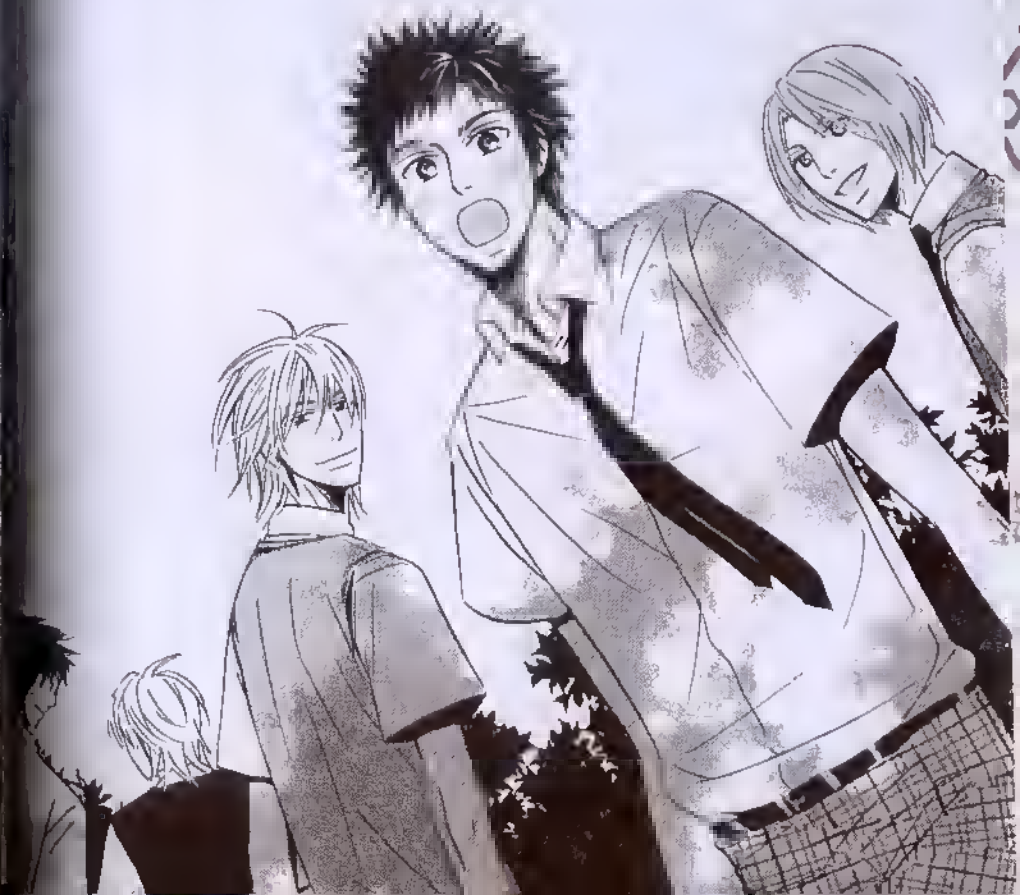
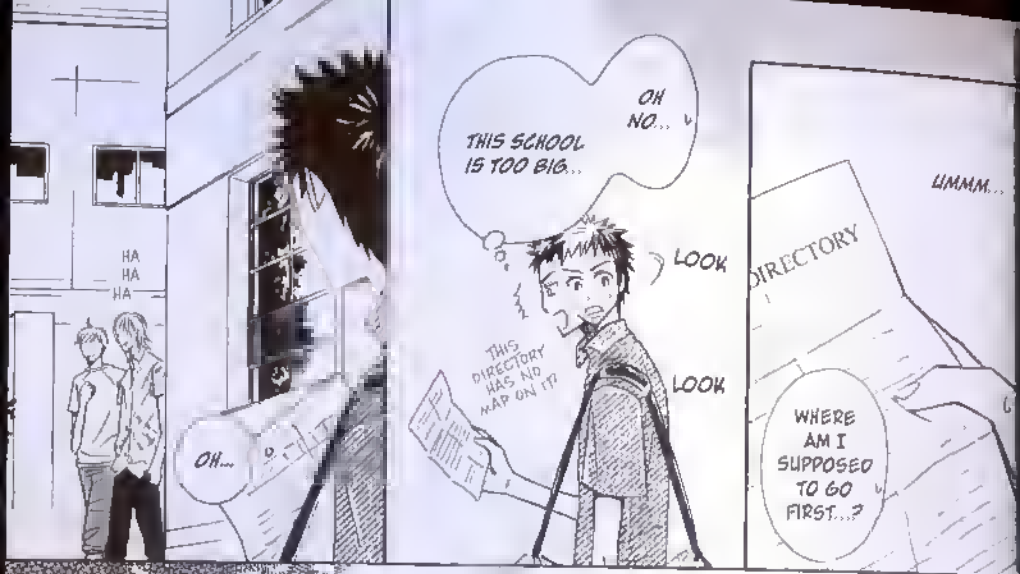
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LOVE TRAINING LESSON 1

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NOT THAT I MIND...

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF THREE DORMITORY WINGS, BUT THIS WEST WING WILL BE OUR HOME UNTIL THE END OF OUR SECOND YEAR.

AS A RESULT, I BECAME "A PRIVILEGED SON OF A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN" AND WAS THROWN INTO THIS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MOUNTAINS.

A STEPSON'S GETTING ROOM TO GRIDE

WE GET MOVED TO THE NORTH WING IN OUR THIRD YEAR.

OUR SCHOOL IS NEEDLESSLY HUGE, SO YOU'RE BOUND TO GET LOST AT FIRST.

IT ALREADY HAPPENED... SOMEONE HAD TO GIVE ME DIRECTIONS.

OH...

HAHA...

I WAS LIKE THAT, TOO, AT FIRST.

HM?!

IT'S THE GUY FROM BEFORE...!

W I WAS EDET HIM.

THAT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO TALK TO SOMEONE FIRST

URK...

BLINDING...

WHAT'S WITH HIS AURA OF NOBILITY?!

SPARKLE

GOOD...

WELCOME TO SAKURAJO! HOPE YOU GET USED TO THE PLACE SOON.

OH... THAT'S RIGHT...

THIS IS A TICH-BOY'S SCHOOL...

HUH...!

IN JUNE...

MY MOM GOT MARRIED.

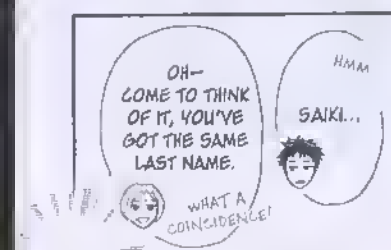
IT WAS A WHIRLWIND ROMANCE!

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT TO THE PRESIDENT OF AN I.T. CORPORATION.

IT WAS A REAL CINDERELLA STORY.



TWINS?!



TWINS...?!
WITH THE
SAME LAST
NAME AS
ME?!

THE OLDER ONE—
RYO SAIKI—
IS THE SERIOUS,
STUDIOUS TYPE.
HE'S LOVED BY
THE FACULTY.

ON THE OTHER
HAND, THE YOUNGER
ONE—JIN SAIKI—
IS OUTGOING AND
SOCIAL. HE'S ENORMOUSLY
POPULAR AMONG
THE STUDENTS.

KNOWN
AS THE
SAIKI
TWINS



HUH...?

THANKS FOR
THE HELP
EARLI-

SLIP

TAP

UHM...

TAP

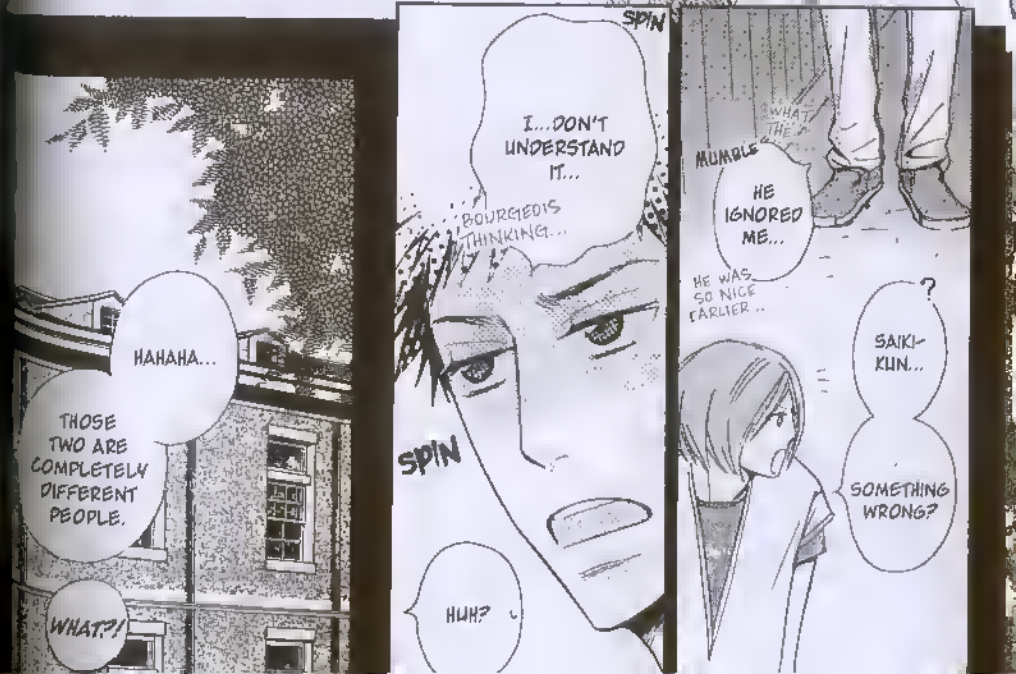


...I DON'T
THINK SO,
BUT...

A FACE LIKE
THAT, YOU
DON'T
FORGET.

...MISTAKEN
IDENTITY...?

HE
WALKS
FAST...



I...DON'T
UNDERSTAND
IT...

BOURGEOIS
THINKING...

HAHAHA...

THOSE
TWO ARE
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
PEOPLE.

WHAT?!

SPIN

MUMBLE

HE
IGNORED
ME...

HE WAS
SO NICE
EARLIER...

SAIKI-
KUN...

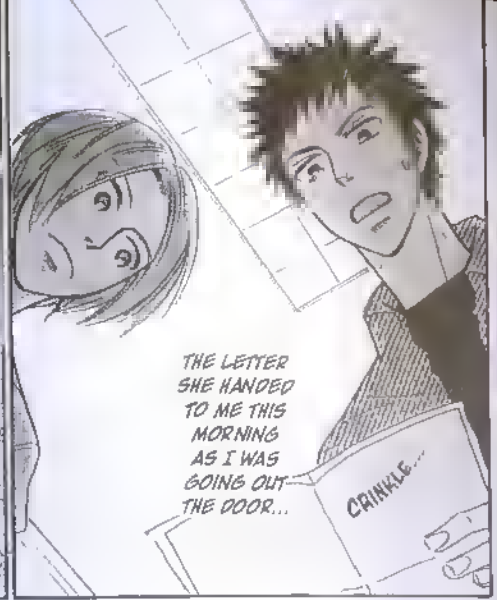
SOMETHING
WRONG?

THE FIRST DAY ON YOUR JOURNEY TO A NEW LIFE

BY THE WAY, THERE IS SOMETHING I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU YET. HITOSHI-SAN HAS TWO SONS BY HIS PREVIOUS WIFE, AND THEY LIVE IN THE SAME SCHOOL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING. THEY ARE TWINS AND THE SAME AGE AS YOU...

THE TWO DO NOT SEEM TO APPROVE OF OUR MARRIAGE, BUT AS THEIR NEW MOTHER I WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO SEE THEM AT OUR WEDDING CEREMONY NEXT MONTH...

MOM HASN'T MET THEM YET EITHER, SO PLEASE SEND ME A PHOTO OF THEM, TOO. ♡



THE LETTER SHE HANDED TO ME THIS MORNING AS I WAS GOING OUT THE DOOR...

CHINKLE...

SHE WANTS ME TO CONVINCE THE TWO TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY...?

SO IN OTHER WORDS...

WOW...

SOUNDS ENTERTAINING!

HEY!
DON'T BE ENTERTAINED!

BT SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEMS.

I'LL LEND YOU A HAND.

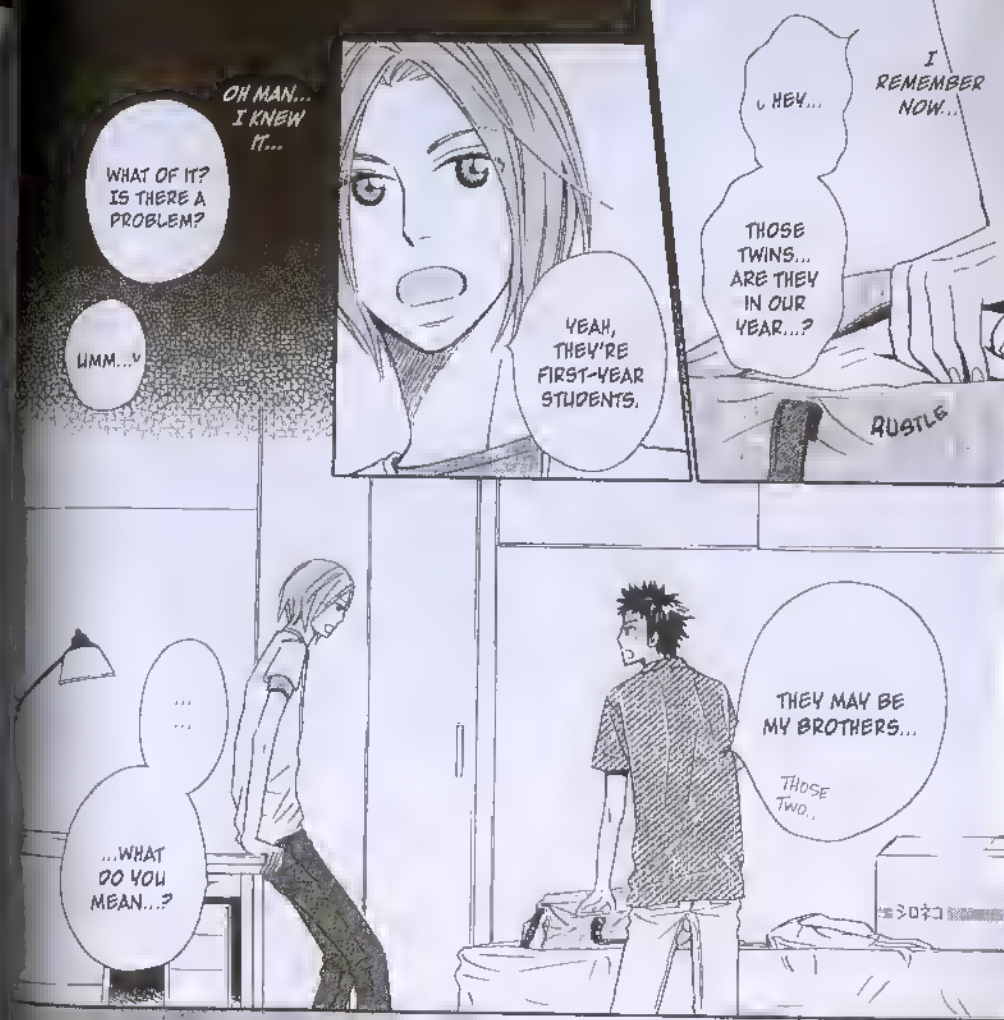
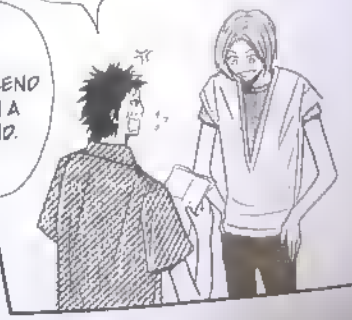
HUH?

ACTUALLY, I'M THE CLASS REP.

I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M PRETTY RELIABLE.

FOR REAL...?!

THAT'S WHY I'M ACTING AS YOUR GUIDE



WHAT OF IT? IS THERE A PROBLEM?

UMM...

OH MAN... I KNEW IT...

YEAH, THEY'RE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS.

THESE TWINS... ARE THEY IN OUR YEAR...?

RUSTLE

THEY MAY BE MY BROTHERS...

THOSE TWO...

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

FOUND IT...!

...THAT MY MOTHER'S SUDDEN MARRIAGE BROUGHT...

THERE'S ONE OTHER THING...

I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT...

TWEET

CHIRP

CHIRP...



WE COULD GO SEE HIM RIGHT NOW, BUT...

YOU WANT SOME TIME TO THINK UP A SEDUCTION SPEECH, DON'T YOU?

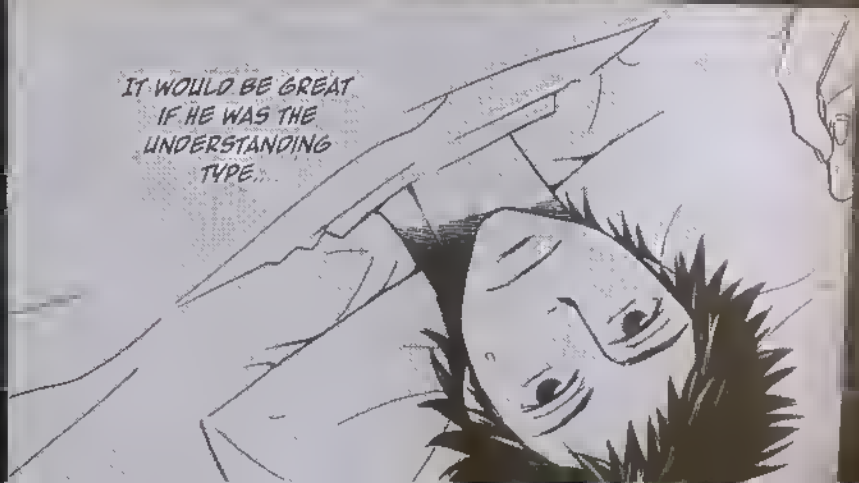
OH-
BY THE WAY, COULD YOU JUST CALL ME "KOJI"?

I'M NOT USED TO THE LAST NAME "SAIKI"
HUH?
THEN YOU CAN JUST CALL ME "AOI."

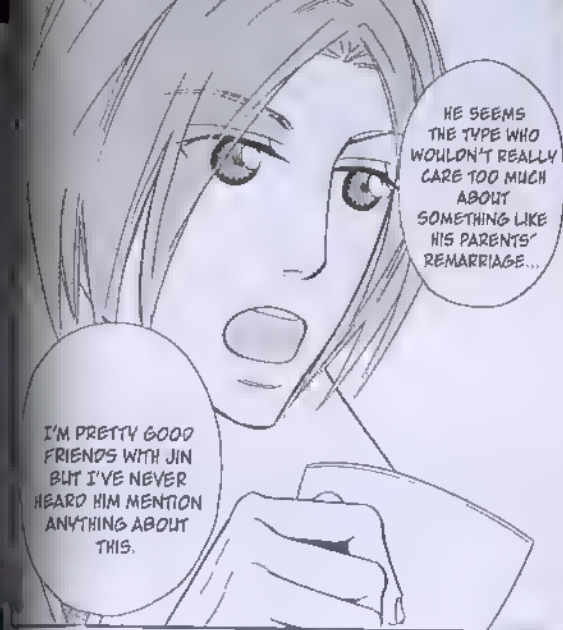
JIN
SAIKI...



WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE...?



IT WOULD BE GREAT IF HE WAS THE UNDERSTANDING TYPE...



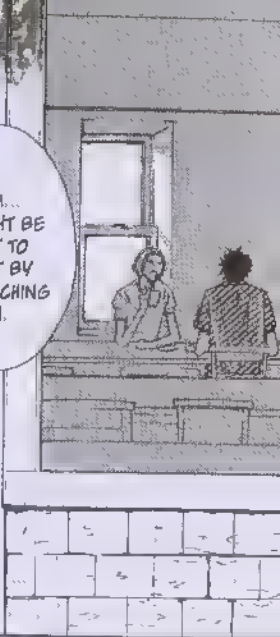
HE SEEMS THE TYPE WHO WOULDN'T REALLY CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE HIS PARENTS' REMARRIAGE...

I'M PRETTY GOOD FRIENDS WITH JIN BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

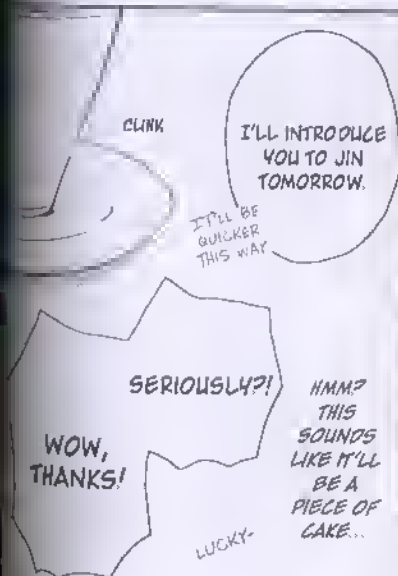
HMM... IT MIGHT BE BEST TO START BY APPROACHING JIN.

OH, YOU TOO?

I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING.



THE OLDER ONE, RYO, IS PROBABLY THE ONE WITH THE BEEF...
HE'S THE SENSITIVE TYPE.



CLINK

I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO JIN TOMORROW.

I'LL BE QUICKER THIS WAY

SERIOUSLY?!
WOW, THANKS!

LUCKY-

HMM? THIS SOUNDS LIKE IT'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE...



HMM...

HIS GOOD LOOKS ARE EVEN MORE OPPRESSIVE CLOSE-UP...

HE'S KOJI-KUN, A NEW STUDENT.

YIKES...
HERE HE IS...!

ALL I CAN DO IS
HOPE HE'S NOT
SOME WEIRDO!

DING
DONG

DING
DONG

IN THE END,
I DIDN'T
HAVE
ENOUGH
TIME TO
THINK OF A
SPEECH...

...

WHY AM I SO
INTIMIDATED?!

THANKS
FOR THAT
TIME...

HUH?
YOU'RE
YESTERDAY'S...

THERE'S
SOMEONE I
WANNA
INTRODUCE
YOU TO.

AOI?
WHAT'S UP?

INTRO-
DUCE...?

I'M NOT
EMOTIONALLY
PREPARED...

BA-THUMP

COULD
YOU GET
JIN FOR
ME?

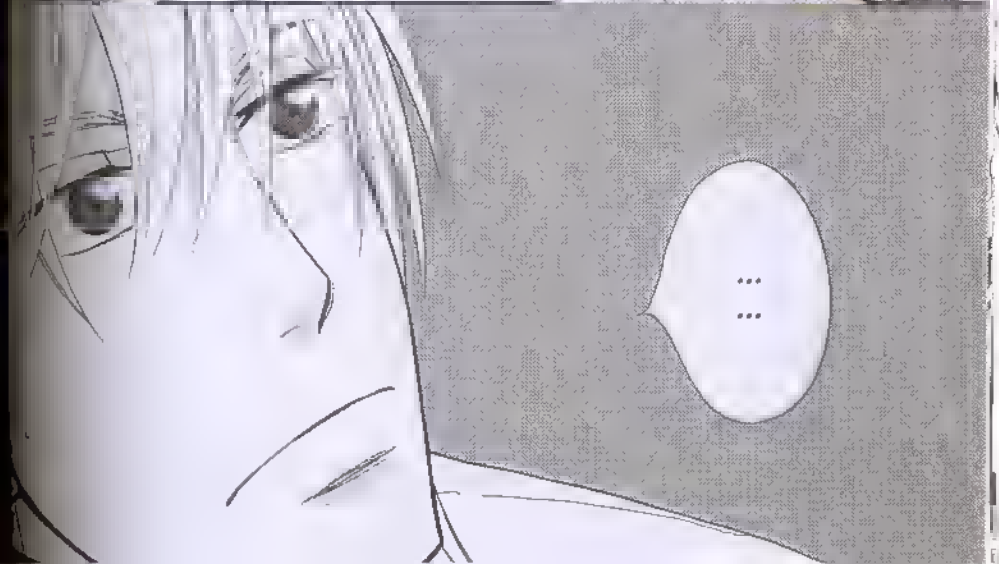
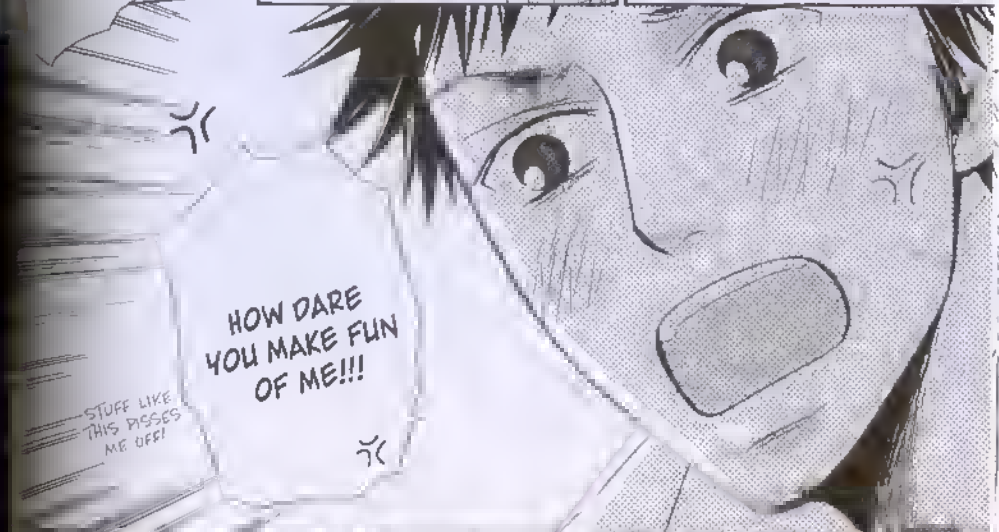
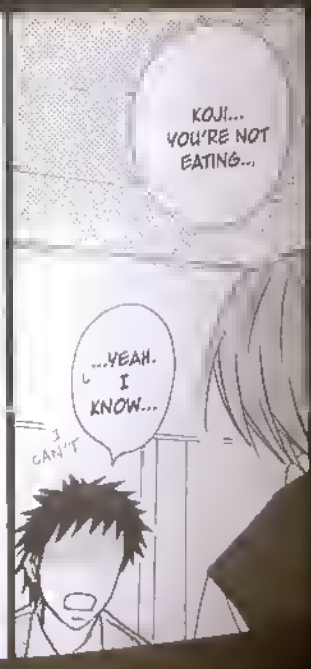
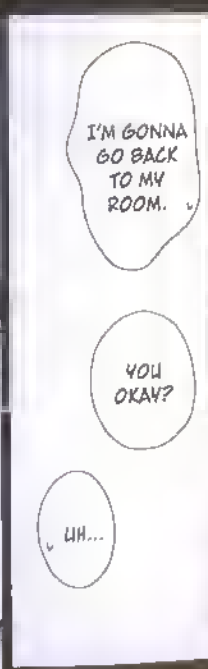
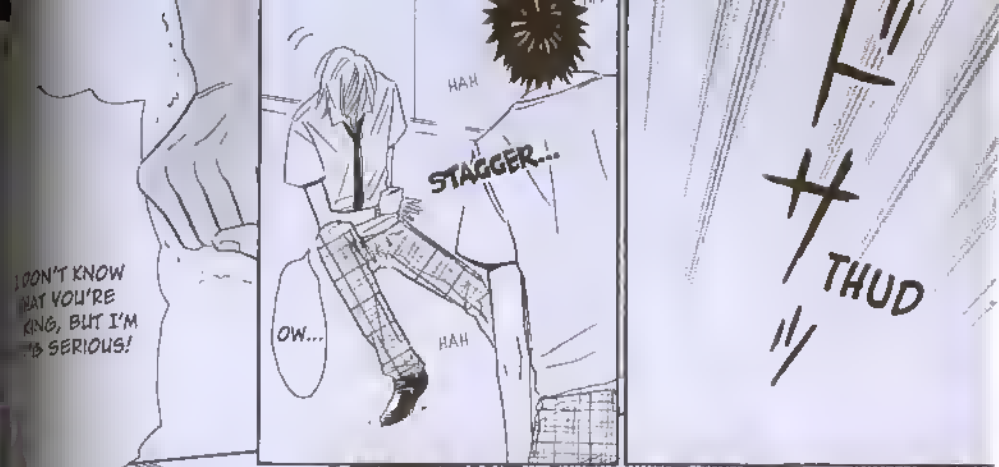
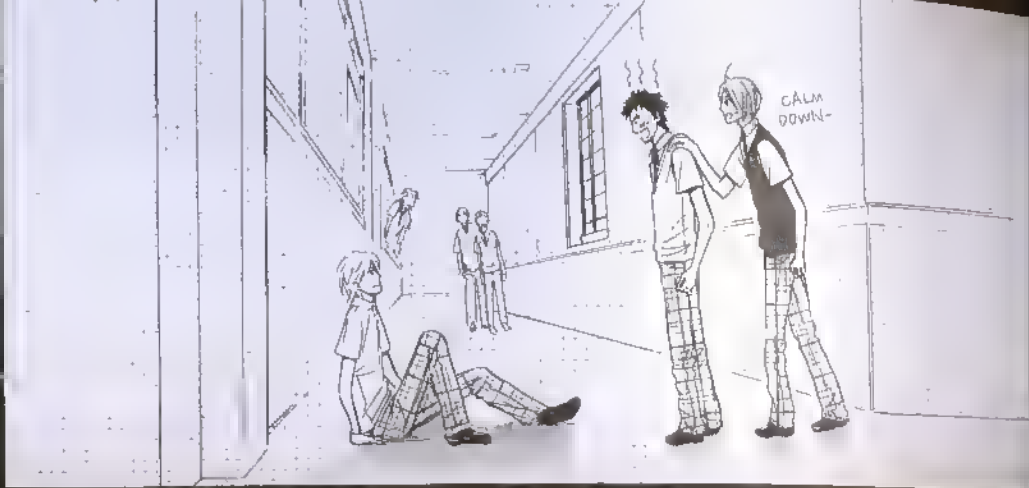
JIN?

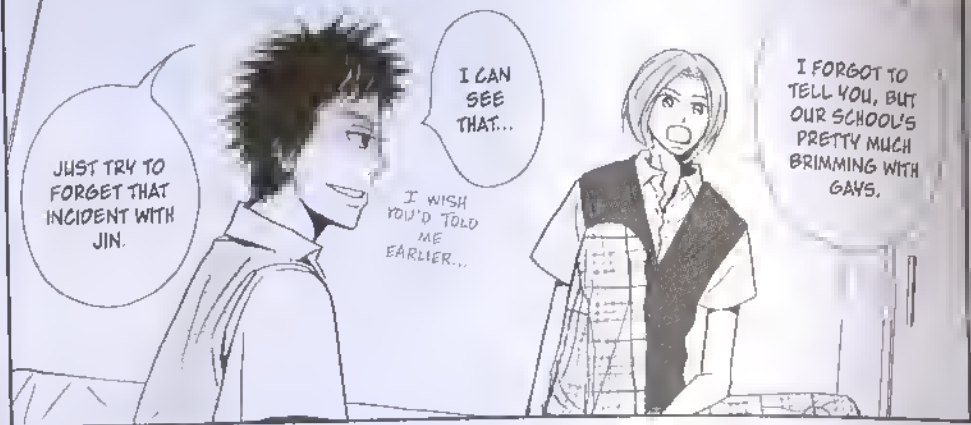
JIN!
AOI'S
CALLING
YOU!

BA-THUMP









JUST TRY TO FORGET THAT INCIDENT WITH JIN.

I CAN SEE THAT...

I WISH YOU'D TOLD ME EARLIER...

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, BUT OUR SCHOOL'S PRETTY MUCH BRIMMING WITH GAYS.



THIS INCIDENT MAY HAVE GAINED YOU SOME ENEMIES...

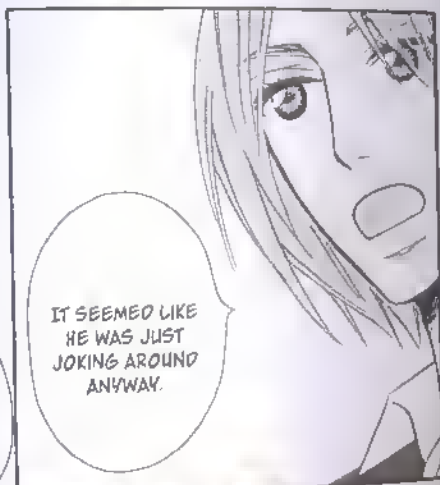
ENE-MIES?

HUH? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

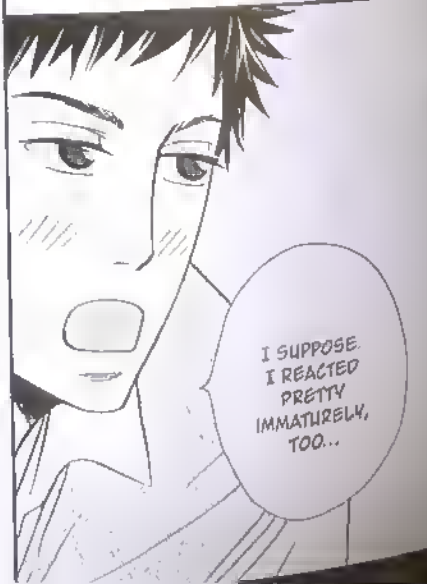
JIN'S FANS TEND TO BE THE HOT-BLOODED TYPE...

...BUT I SHOULD WARN YOU...

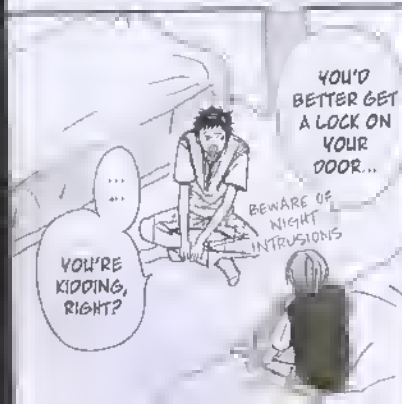
?



IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS JUST JOKING AROUND ANYWAY.



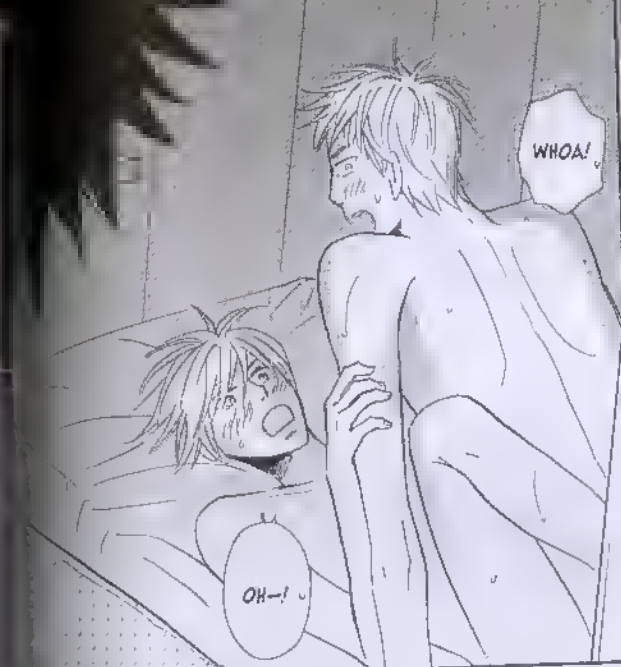
I SUPPOSE I REACTED PRETTY IMMATURELY, TOO...



YOU'D BETTER GET A LOCK ON YOUR DOOR...

BEWARE OF NIGHT INTRUSIONS

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?



WHOA!

OH MAN... I DON'T WANT TO DO ANY MORE THINKING TODAY...

UHN... ♡

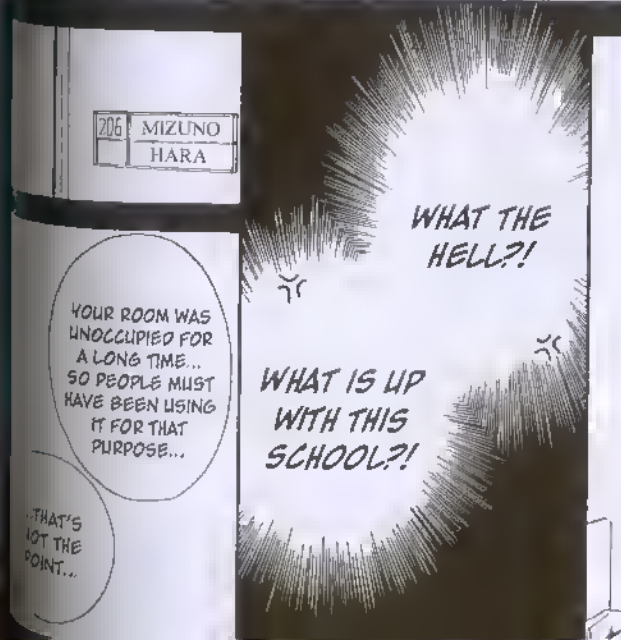
"UHN"?



OH... HE CLOSED IT

SLAM

SORRY!



206 MIZUNO HARA

YOUR ROOM WAS UNOCCUPIED FOR A LONG TIME... SO PEOPLE MUST HAVE BEEN USING IT FOR THAT PURPOSE...

...THAT'S NOT THE POINT...

WHAT THE HELL?!

WHAT IS UP WITH THIS SCHOOL?!

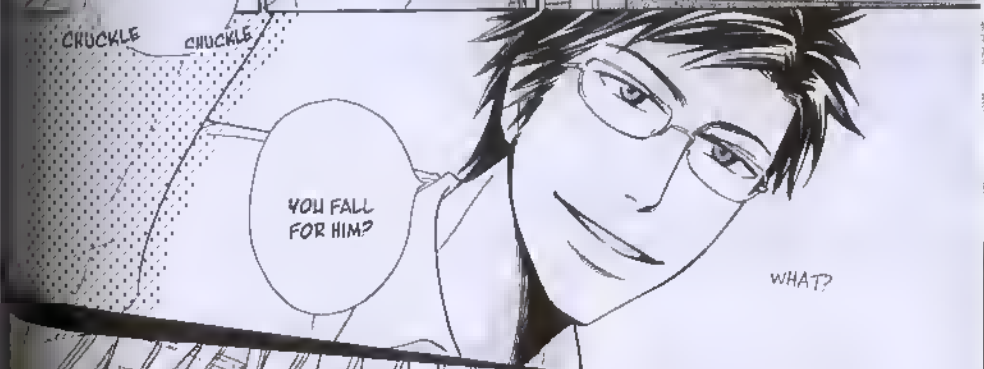
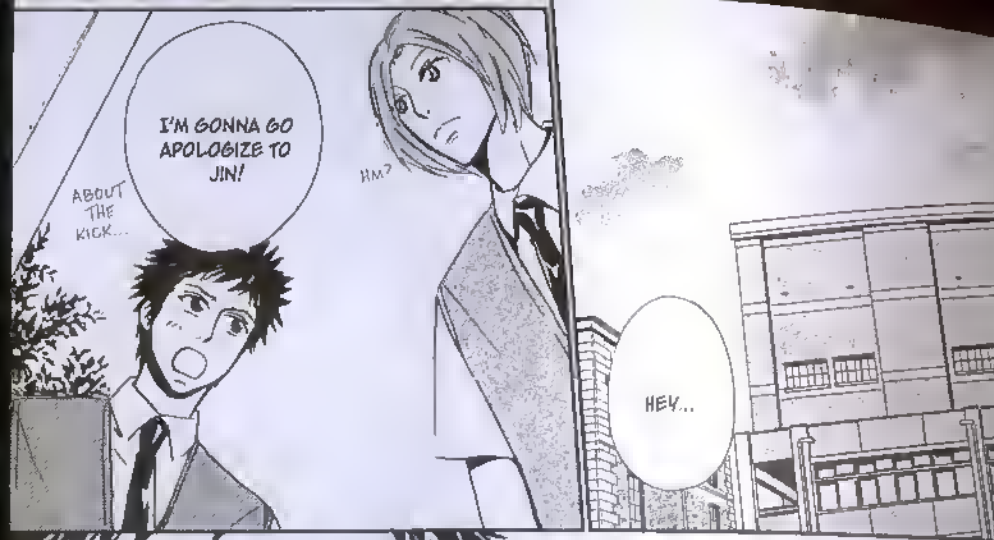


SPIN

SPIN

SPIN...

WAIT A MINUTE... THIS IS MY ROOM. AND YET THEY'RE...





SO...

I SHOULD SWING BY HIS ROOM AT FIVE O'CLOCK?

VISITOR!

HEY—JIN!

YEAH, BUT...



HUH?

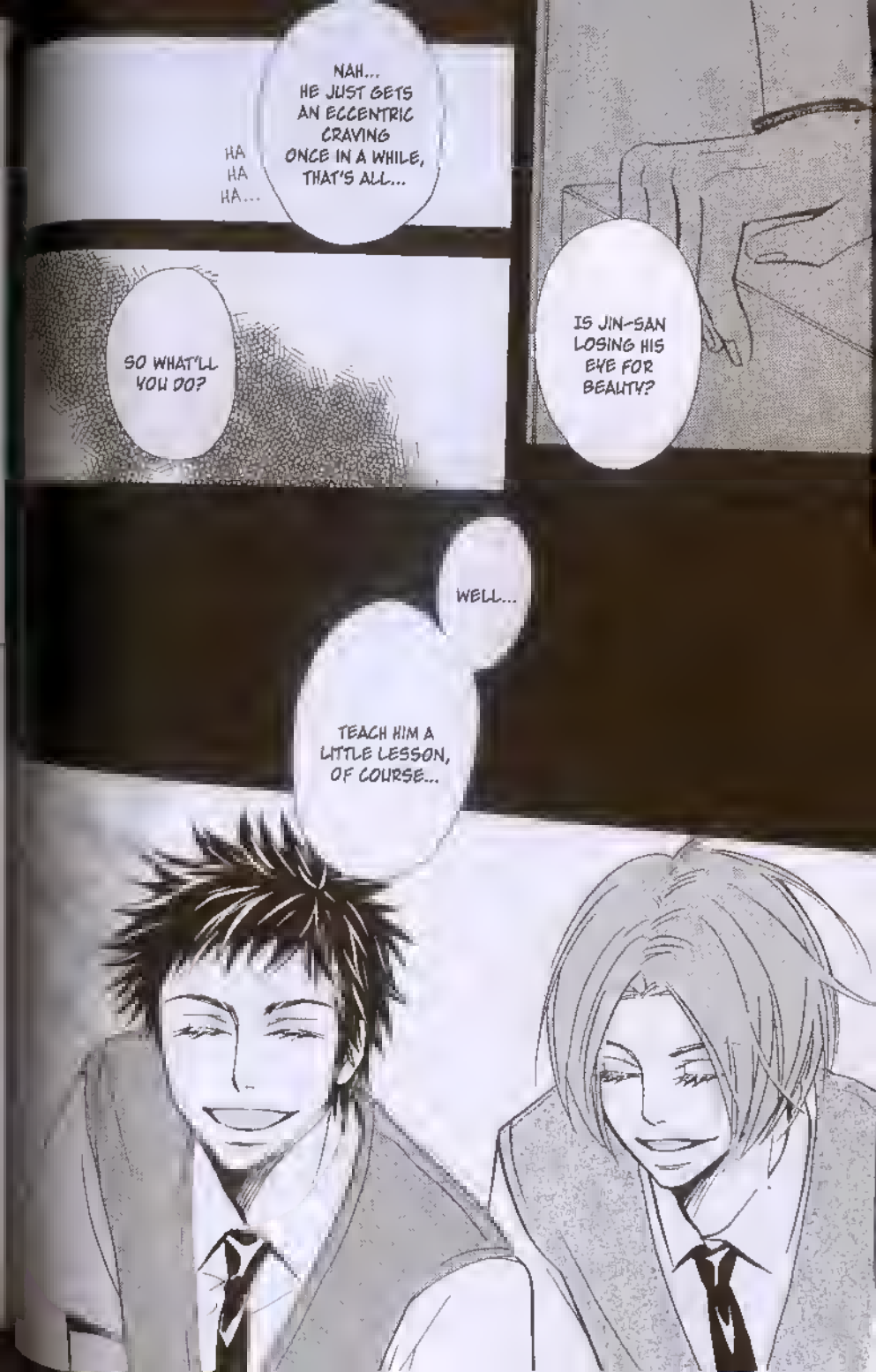
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING FOR KOJI, JIN?

YUP. HELP ME OUT.

YEAH, GOOD IDEA.

I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD HOLD MYSELF BACK EITHER, IF I WAS ALL ALONE WITH HIM.

WE DON'T WANT A REPEAT OF LAST TIME, SO I'LL BE THERE, TOO.



HA
HA
HA...

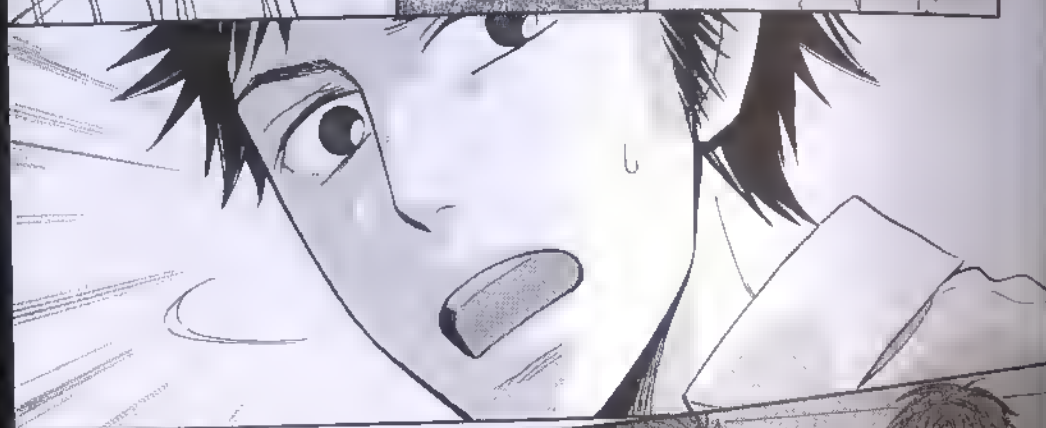
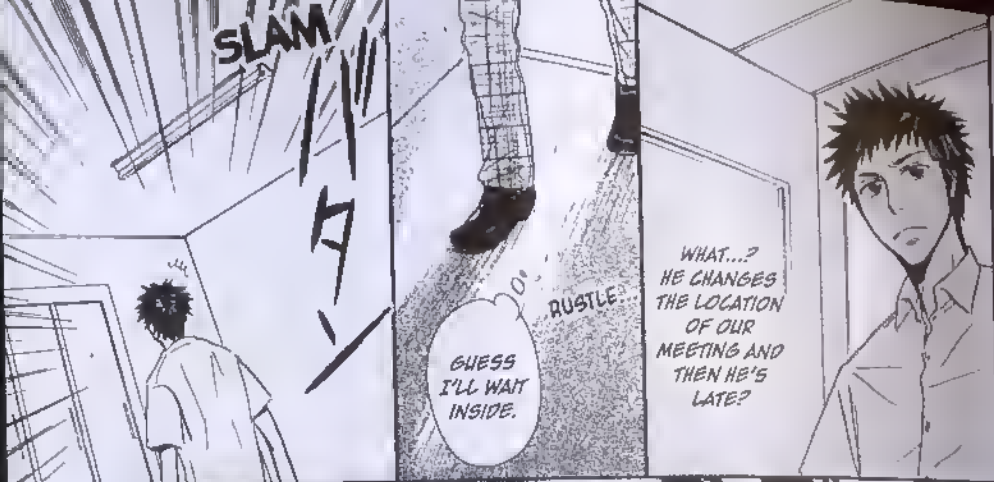
NAH... HE JUST GETS AN ECCENTRIC CRAVING ONCE IN A WHILE, THAT'S ALL...

SO WHAT'LL YOU DO?

IS JIN-SAN LOSING HIS EYE FOR BEAUTY?

WELL....

TEACH HIM A LITTLE LESSON, OF COURSE...





I THINK YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA-

HA HA

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KID?

YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO GET HIT?

HA HA HA

ARE YOU INTO THAT SORT OF THING?

IF HITTING ME WILL SATISFY YOU, THEN GO AHEAD...

PFFT!

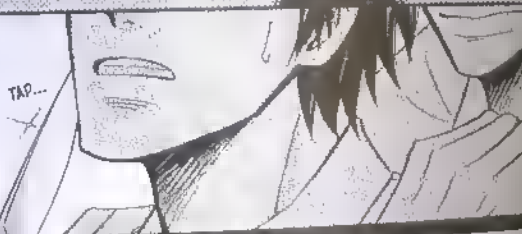
HEH!

HEH!

CLIK...

WHA...

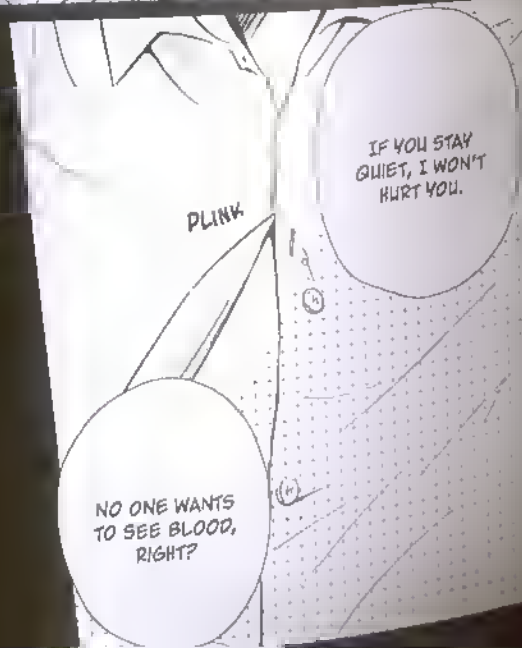
TAP...



THESE GUYS...



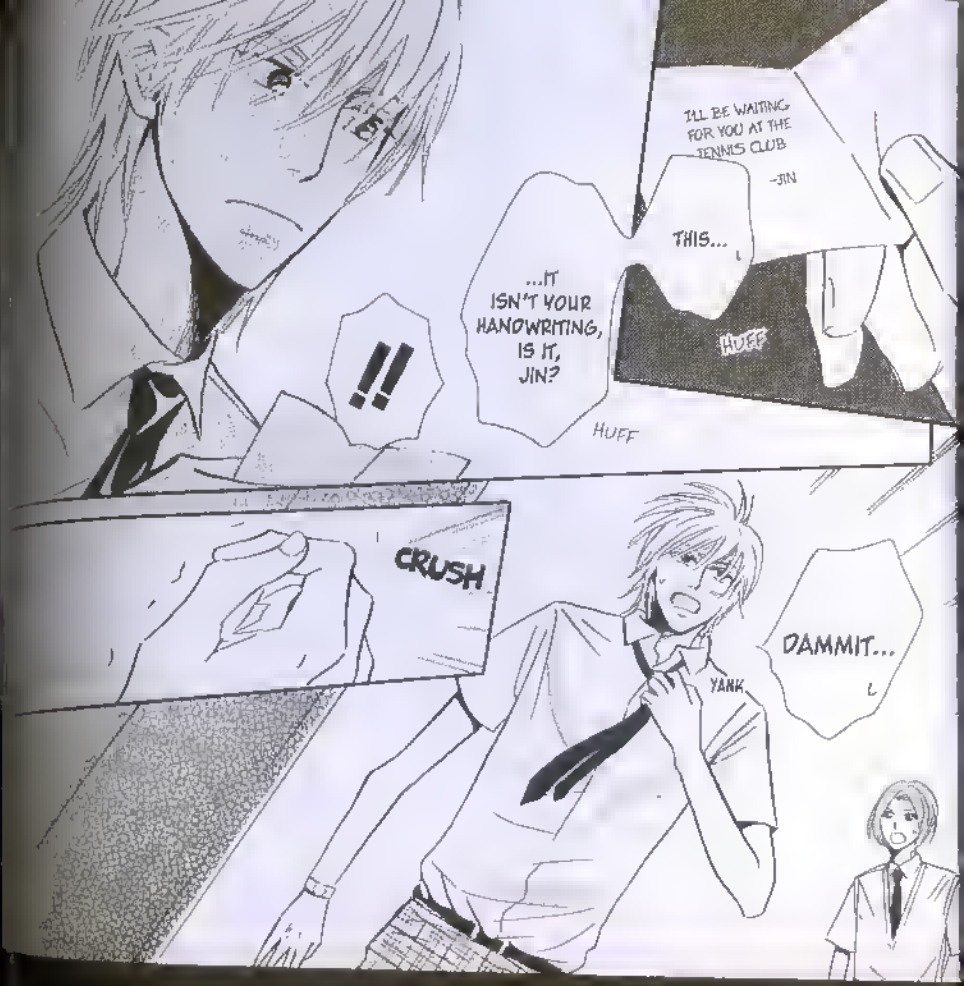
THEY'RE SERIOUSLY NUTS!



PLINK

IF YOU STAY QUIET, I WON'T HURT YOU.

NO ONE WANTS TO SEE BLOOD, RIGHT?



I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE TENNIS CLUB

-JIN

THIS...

HUFF

...IT ISN'T YOUR HANDWRITING, IS IT, JIN?

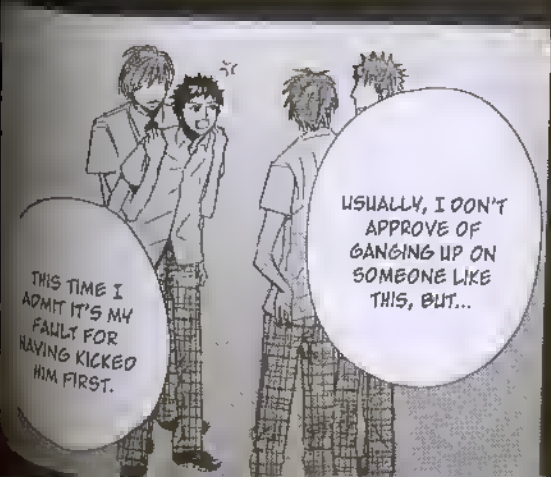
HUFF

!!

CRUSH

DAMMIT...

YANK



THIS TIME I ADMIT IT'S MY FAULT FOR HAVING KICKED HIM FIRST.

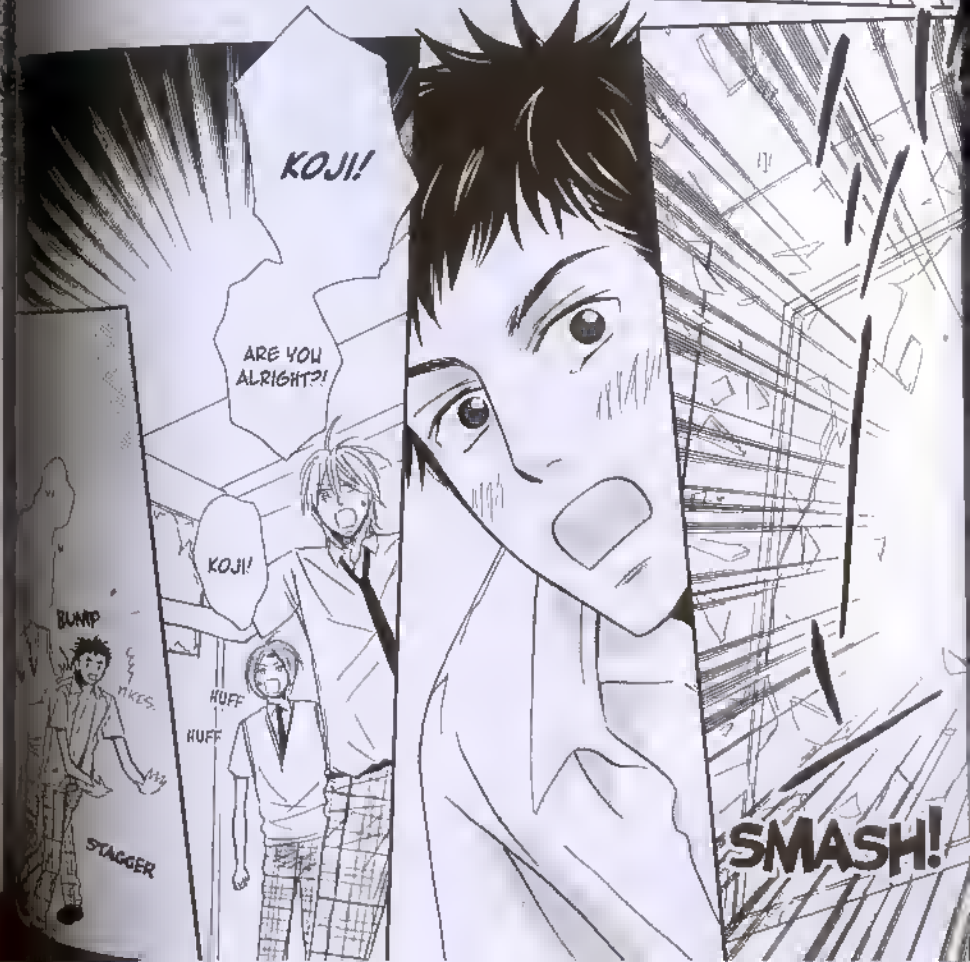
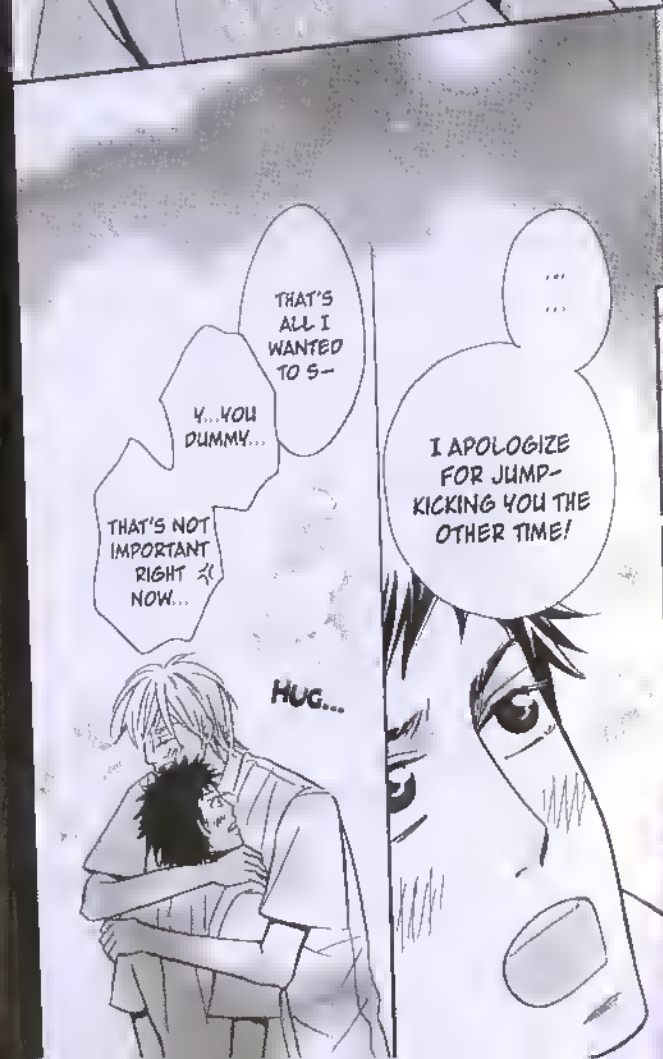
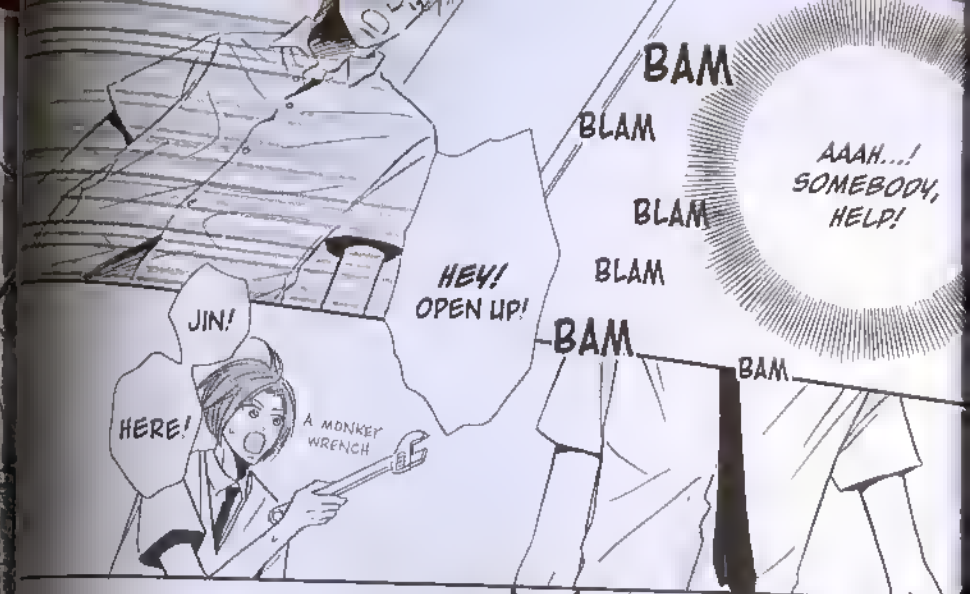
USUALLY, I DON'T APPROVE OF GANGING UP ON SOMEONE LIKE THIS, BUT...

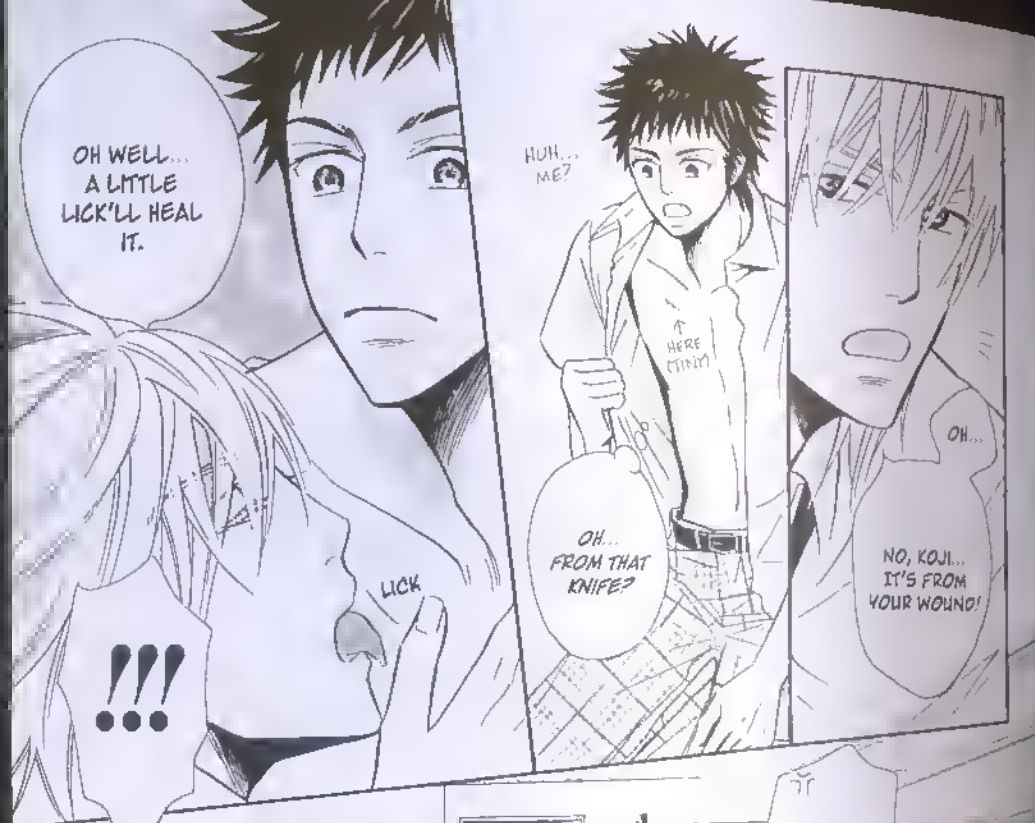
...WHAT ARE YOU GUYS...? JIN'S UNDERLINGS...?

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW...

CHUCKLE

CHUCKLE





OH WELL...
A LITTLE
LICK'LL HEAL
IT.

HUH...
ME?

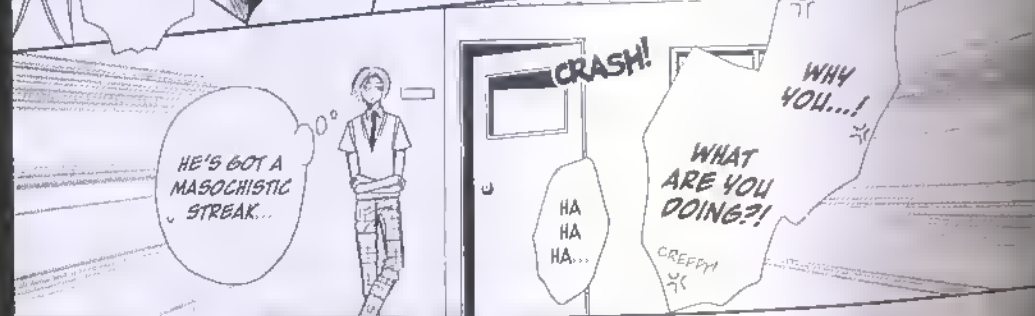
↑
HERE
(TINY)

OH...
FROM THAT
KNIFE?

OH...
NO, KOJI...
IT'S FROM
YOUR WOUND!

LICK

!!!



HE'S GOT A
MASOCHISTIC
STREAK...

CRASH!

WHY
YOU...!

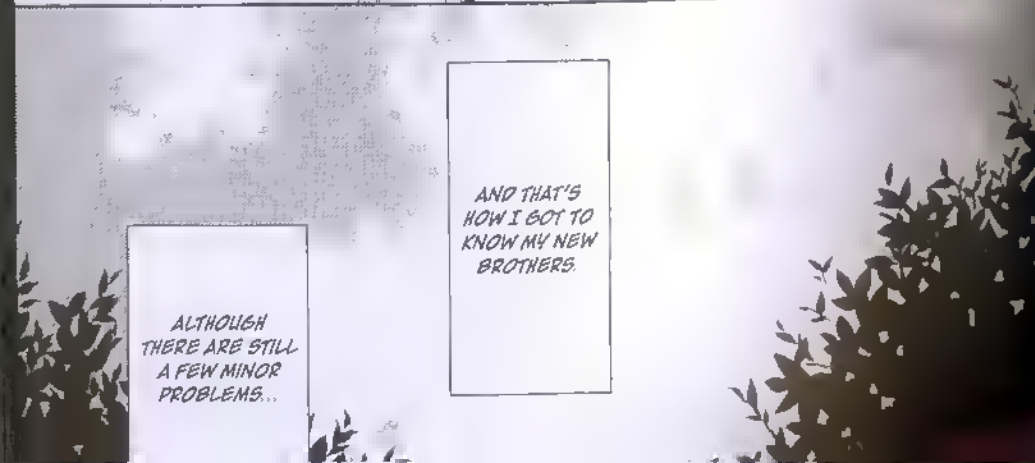
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

HA
HA
HA...

CREEPY

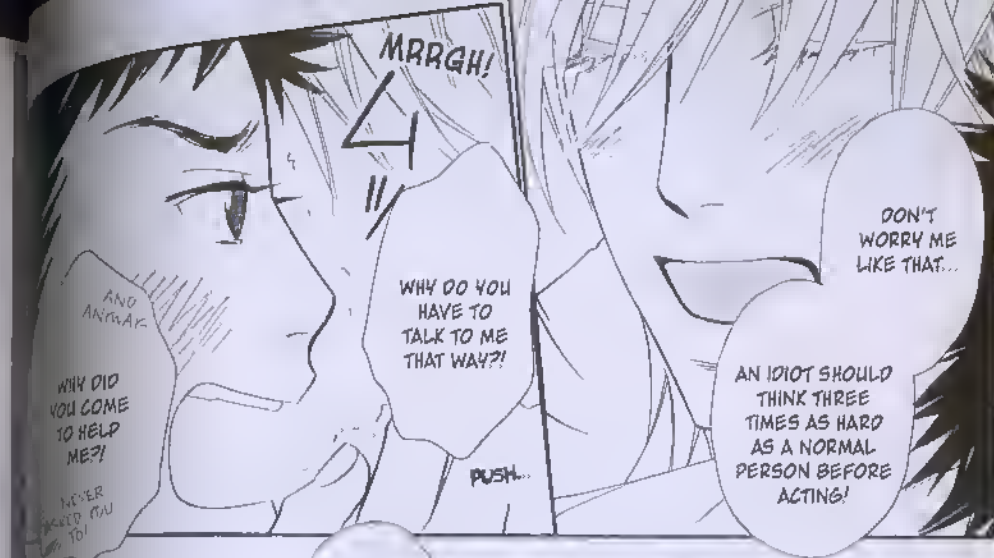
HUH?!

BLOOD?



ALTHOUGH
THERE ARE STILL
A FEW MINOR
PROBLEMS...

AND THAT'S
HOW I GOT TO
KNOW MY NEW
BROTHERS.



MRRGH!

AND
ANAK

WHY DID
YOU COME
TO HELP
ME?

NEVER
FORGOT YOU
TO!

WHY DO YOU
HAVE TO
TALK TO ME
THAT WAY?!

PUSH...

DON'T
WORRY ME
LIKE THAT...

AN IDIOT SHOULD
THINK THREE
TIMES AS HARD
AS A NORMAL
PERSON BEFORE
ACTING!

WHY...?



WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
PROTECTING
THE ONE I
LOVE?!

W
H
A
A
A
T
?!

SERIOUS
FACE

HUH?!

HEY!
YOU'RE
HURT!

YOU
KNOW...

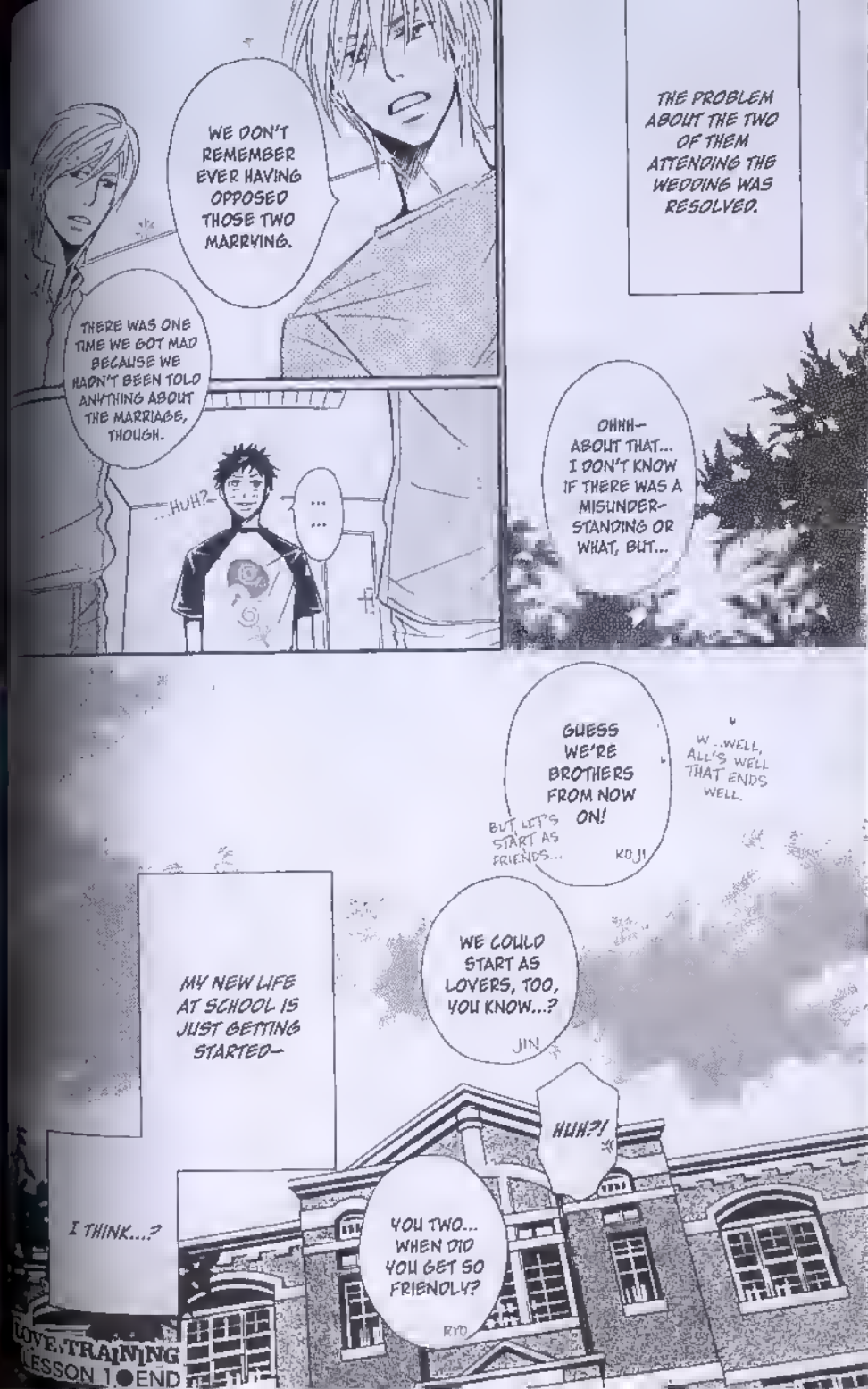
THIS IS
NO TIME
FOR
JOKES...

WHAT?

DAMMIT!

LOVE TRAINING LESSON 2

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WE DON'T
REMEMBER
EVER HAVING
OPPOSED
THOSE TWO
MARRYING.

THERE WAS ONE
TIME WE GOT MAD
BECAUSE WE
HADN'T BEEN TOLD
ANYTHING ABOUT
THE MARRIAGE,
THOUGH.

...HUH?

...

THE PROBLEM
ABOUT THE TWO
OF THEM
ATTENDING THE
WEDDING WAS
RESOLVED.

OH--
ABOUT THAT...
I DON'T KNOW
IF THERE WAS A
MISUNDER-
STANDING OR
WHAT, BUT...

GUESS
WE'RE
BROTHERS
FROM NOW
ON!

BUT LET'S
START AS
FRIENDS...

KOJI

W...WELL,
ALL'S WELL
THAT ENDS
WELL.

MY NEW LIFE
AT SCHOOL IS
JUST GETTING
STARTED--

WE COULD
START AS
LOVERS, TOO,
YOU KNOW...?

JIN

HUH?!

YOU TWO...
WHEN DID
YOU GET SO
FRIENDLY?

RYO

I THINK...?



I KNOW THAT...



TWEET

CHEEP

CHEEP

WHAT DID YOU SAY...?

LIKE I SAID... YOU AND JIN-KUN ARE GOING OUT, RIGHT?

CLASS DUTIES



WHAT?!

WE ARE NOT!

HE'S JUST PESTERING ME IS ALL!

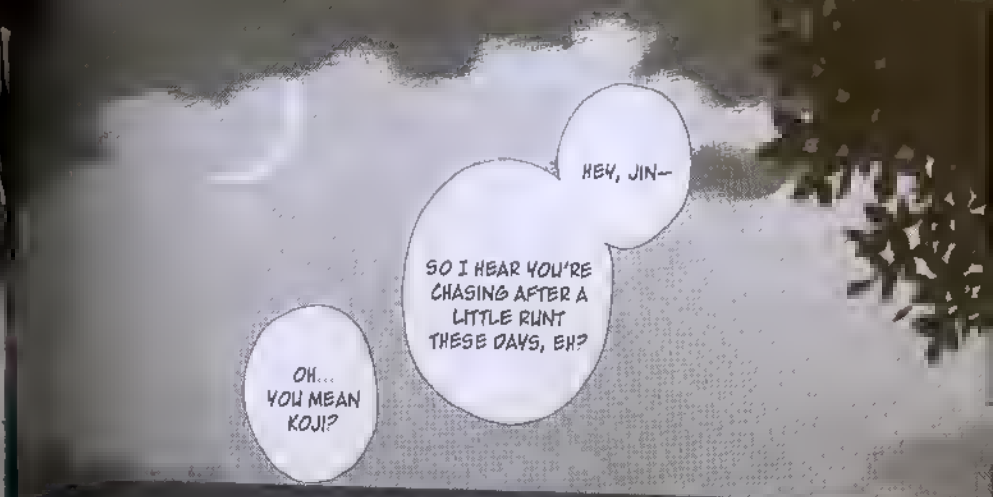
I'M NOT A HOMO!

MUMBLE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE EMBARRASSED...

AAA! SAY NO TO VIOLENCE!

WHAT DID YOU SAY, HUH?!

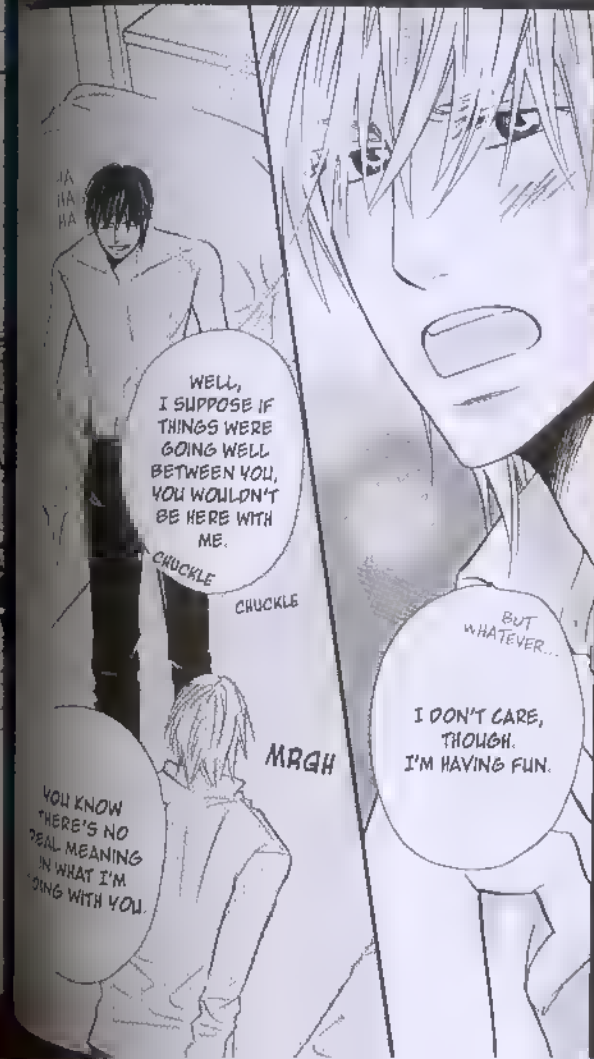
BUMP



HEY, JIN--

SO I HEAR YOU'RE CHASING AFTER A LITTLE RUNT THESE DAYS, EH?

OH... YOU MEAN KOJI?



WELL, I SUPPOSE IF THINGS WERE GOING WELL BETWEEN YOU, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE WITH ME.

CHUCKLE

CHUCKLE

YOU KNOW THERE'S NO REAL MEANING IN WHAT I'M DOING WITH YOU.

MRGH

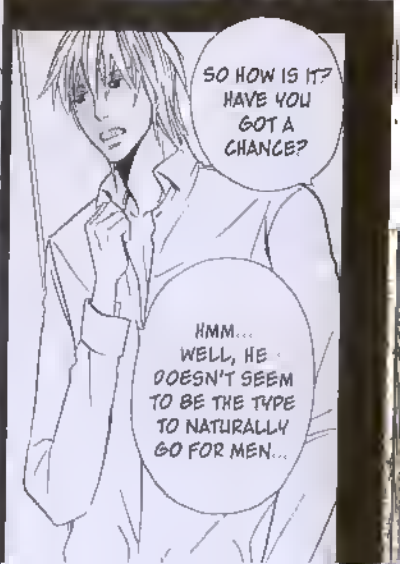
I DON'T CARE, THOUGH. I'M HAVING FUN.

BUT WHATEVER...



OH, HO...

SO HIS NAME'S KOJI?



SO HOW IS IT? HAVE YOU GOT A CHANCE?

HMM... WELL, HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE TYPE TO NATURALLY GO FOR MEN...

IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE I TRANSFERRED HERE TO SAKURAJO...

AND I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY USED TO THIS PLACE.

FAMOUS?!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

WHY? 'CUZ YOU'RE FAMOUS.

FACE IT ALREADY

HAHAHA ..

HOW DID HE KNOW MY NAME?

THAT SENPAI

...BUT THEN--

DING

ALTHOUGH...

DONG

I STILL FEEL LIKE I DON'T FIT IN...

DING

DONG

I WONDER WHAT'S ON TODAY'S LUNCH MENU.

OH MAN... I'M SO HUNGRY.

KOJI!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO (FOR LUNCH) TODAY?

AND HE'S THE CAUSE.

JIN SAKI.

OH... IT'S 'CUZ YOU WEREN'T LOOKING, KOJI-KUN!

KOJI...?

THIS...

HUH... WHAT A SHRIMP...

OH!

I'M SORRY!

WHOA!

THUD

CRINKLE...

OH...? HE'S A SECOND-YEAR.

...THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

HE'S TALL!

NOT AT ALL.

HEY! KOJI!

THIS ONE TOO, RIGHT?

HUH...?

WHAT'S THAT?
I NEVER HAD
ANYTHING LIKE
THAT IN THE
FIRST PLACE...

AURA...?

JIN...

LATELY,
PEOPLE ARE
SAVING THAT YOUR
IMPENETRABLE
"AURA" SEEMS TO
BE GONE...

BECAUSE YOU'RE
SO FRISKY

CHUCKLE

CHUCKLE

CHUCKLE

IT'S YOUR FAULT
THAT THERE ARE
STRANGE
RUMORS ABOUT
ME FLOATING
AROUND!

QUIT
LAUGHING!

OH,
COME ON!
WHY SUCH A
BAD MOOD?

HA
HA
HA

SHUT
UP!

WHIRL

WHAT
IS THAT?

I'M THE ONE
WHO SPREAD
THAT AROUND.

OH...H...

THAT YOU
AND KOJI
ARE GOING
OUT WITH
EACH OTHER.

THAT'S...

DON'T
COME NEAR
ME!

YOU'RE
ANNOYING!

TECHNICALLY,
WE'RE
BROTHERS NOW,
BUT...

ORIGINALLY,
WE WERE
COMPLETE
STRANGERS.

HA HA-

OH...H...

WELL, IF THAT'S
THE CASE, THEN
I'D LIKE HIM TO
SUCK UP EVERY
LAST BIT...

DEPLORABLE

BUT MAYBE
IT'S ALL
BEING
SUCKED UP
BY KOJI
LATELY...

YEAH,
YOU DID--
EVEN I
USED TO
THINK SO.

AN
AURA...

WELL, I MEAN...
I'M DEALING
WITH A HETERO
HERE...

I'M IN NO
HURRY...
I CAN WAIT.

IF YOU REALLY
WANT TO
SEDUCE HIM,
AREN'T THERE
OTHER WAYS?

THIS IS SO
ROUNDABOUT

WHAT...
YOU SAYING I
SHOULD JUMP
HIS BONES OR
SOMETHING?

THAT'S NOT
WHAT I'M
SUGGESTING!

BOP

★

I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT HE'S
THINKING...

STOMP

STOMP

OW...

OH...
THAT'S RIGHT.
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED,
WANT ME TO
HELP YOU RIDE?
IT'S FUN

I USED TO
SEE YOU
RIDING
DURING JR.
HIGH...
OH...
SCARED,
HUH?
I DECLINE!

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!

WHAT'S ALL
THIS ABOUT
"RIDING" AND
"NOT RIDING"?

OH... THAT GOT
FROM THIS
MORNING

YUP.
WE'VE GOT
HORSEBACK
RIDING AT
OUR SCHOOL.
OUR CAMPUS
IS HUGE
ENOUGH FOR
IT

INTERESTED
HORSEBACK
RIDING?!
OH...
HE WENT
FOR IT.
THAT'S A
RICH-KID'S
SCHOOL FOR
YOU!

CLANK
ニヤ
ニヤ

HAVING A
RANDOM
DISCUSSION SO
EARLY IN THE
DAY?

SUBTLY YET
UNMISTAKABLY
VULGAR

..HEH HEH.
I SEE...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

SHUT UP...
THEN HELP ME
OUT A LITTLE
MORE.
BUT YOU DON'T
SEEM VERY PATIENT
TO ME.

WHAT...?
HORSES?!
TWEET-
CHIRP
CHIRP



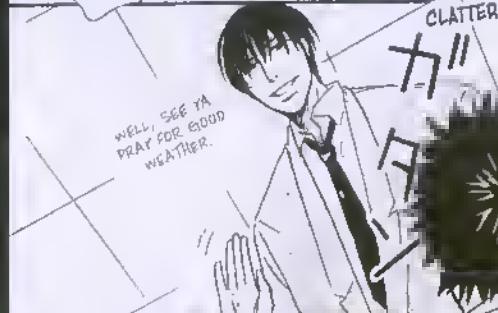
I'LL PUT IN A RESERVATION AT THE TRAINING STABLES FOR NEXT SUNDAY.

WHAT?!

KOJI!

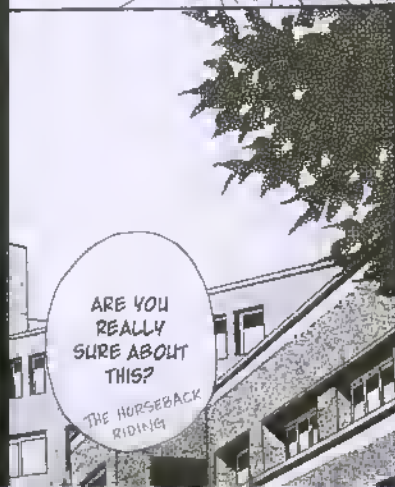
...OKAY?

HUH?!



WELL, SEE YA DRAFT FOR GOOD WEATHER.

CLATTER



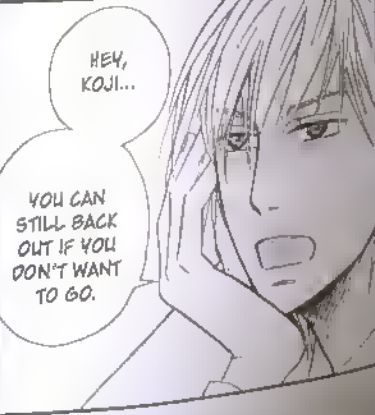
ARE YOU REALLY SURE ABOUT THIS?

THE HORSEBACK RIDING



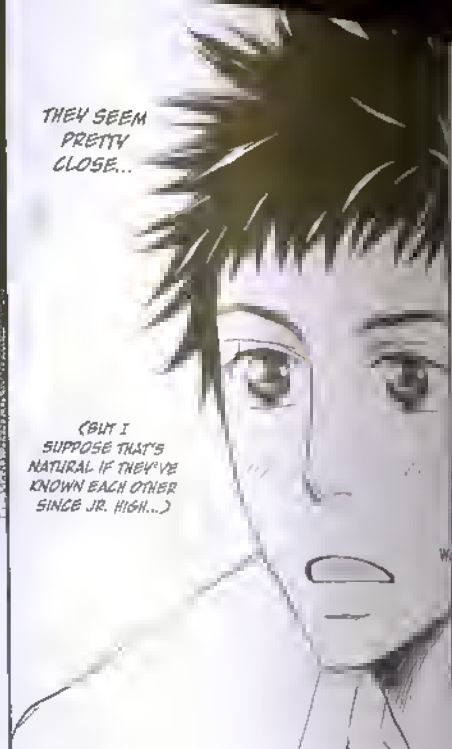
BACK OUT OF WHAT?

LIKE I'M SAYING-



HEY, KOJI...

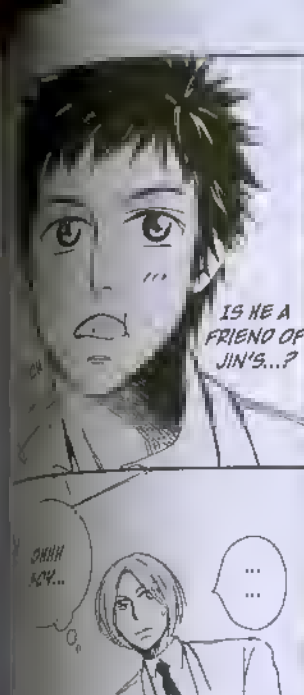
YOU CAN STILL BACK OUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO.



THEY SEEM PRETTY CLOSE...

(BUT I SUPPOSE THAT'S NATURAL IF THEY'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE JR. HIGH...)

WOW...



IS HE A FRIEND OF JIN'S...?

OH! OH!



I WASN'T ASKING YOU.

HORSEBACK RIDING!

IT'S GETTING SO FAMILIAR WITH KOJI!

WHAT YOU KOJI, FAMILIAR?

OH, LIGHTEN UP.

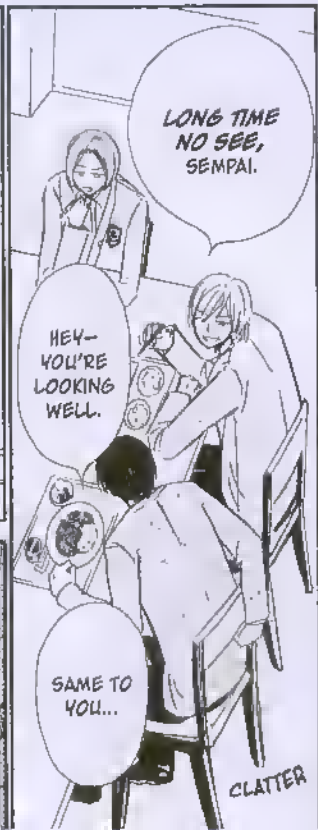
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT SO ANIMATEDLY, KOJI?



BESIDES, IT'S BETTER AT HORSEBACK RIDING.

THESE TWO...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!



LONG TIME NO SEE, SEMPAL.

HEY- YOU'RE LOOKING WELL.

SAME TO YOU...

CLATTER



BUT YOU DON'T
HATE HIM...
RIGHT?

JIN...

HOW ELSE
DO YOU
WANT ME TO
REACT?!

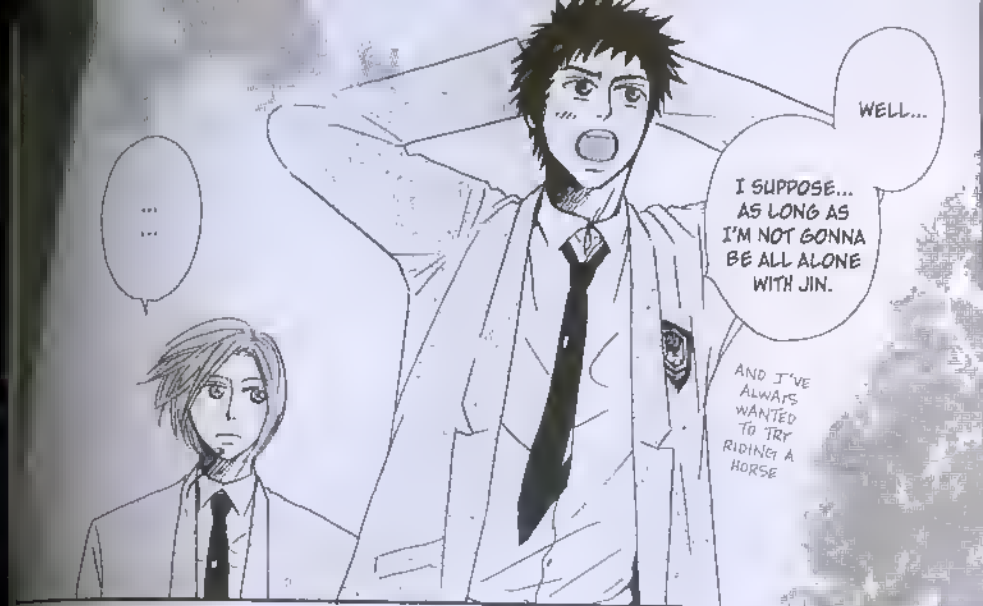
OF
COURSE
NOT!

DON'T YOU
HAVE ANY
ROMANTIC
FEELINGS
FOR HIM AT
ALL?

HOW DO
YOU FEEL
ABOUT
JIN, KOJI?

TELL
ME...

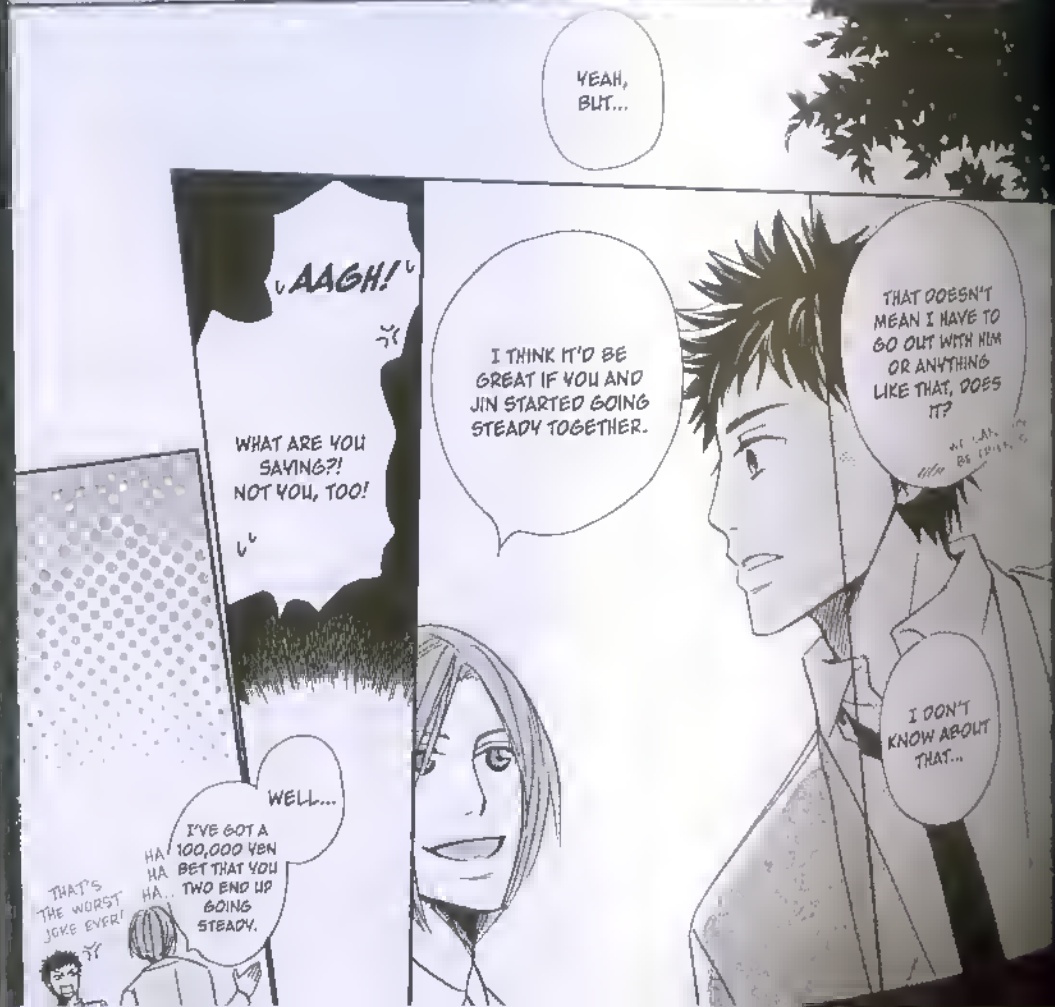
YEAH,
BUT...



WELL...

I SUPPOSE...
AS LONG AS
I'M NOT GONNA
BE ALL ALONE
WITH JIN.

AND I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED
TO TRY
RIDING A
HORSE



AAGH!

WHAT ARE YOU
SAYING?!
NOT YOU, TOO!

I THINK IT'D BE
GREAT IF YOU AND
JIN STARTED GOING
STEADY TOGETHER.

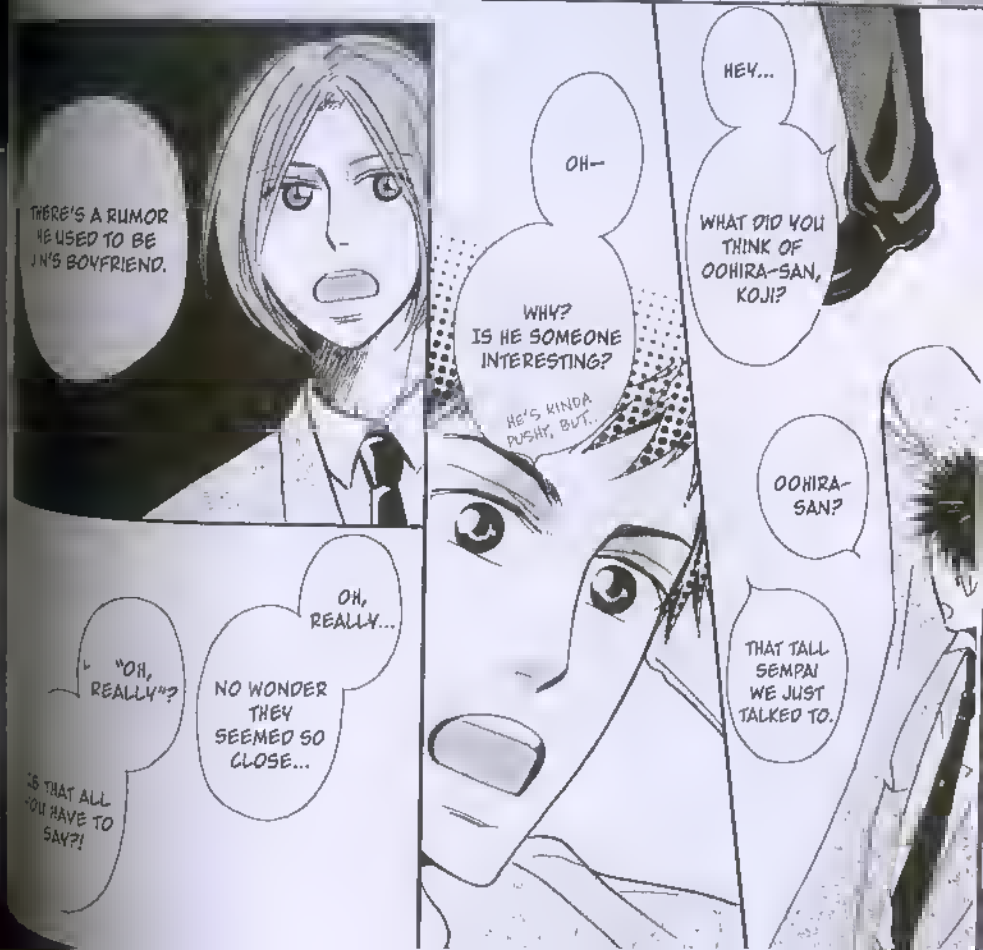
THAT DOESN'T
MEAN I HAVE TO
GO OUT WITH HIM
OR ANYTHING
LIKE THAT, DOES
IT?

I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
THAT...

WELL...

I'VE GOT A
100,000 YEN
BET THAT YOU
TWO END UP
GOING
STEADY.

THAT'S
THE WORST
JOKE EVER!



THERE'S A RUMOR
HE USED TO BE
JIN'S BOYFRIEND.

OH—

WHY?
IS HE SOMEONE
INTERESTING?

HE'S KINDA
PUSHY, BUT...

HEY...

WHAT DID YOU
THINK OF
OOHIRA-SAN,
KOJI?

OOHIRA-
SAN?

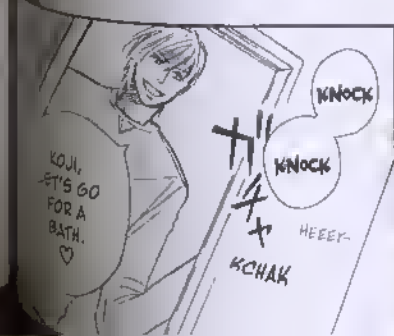
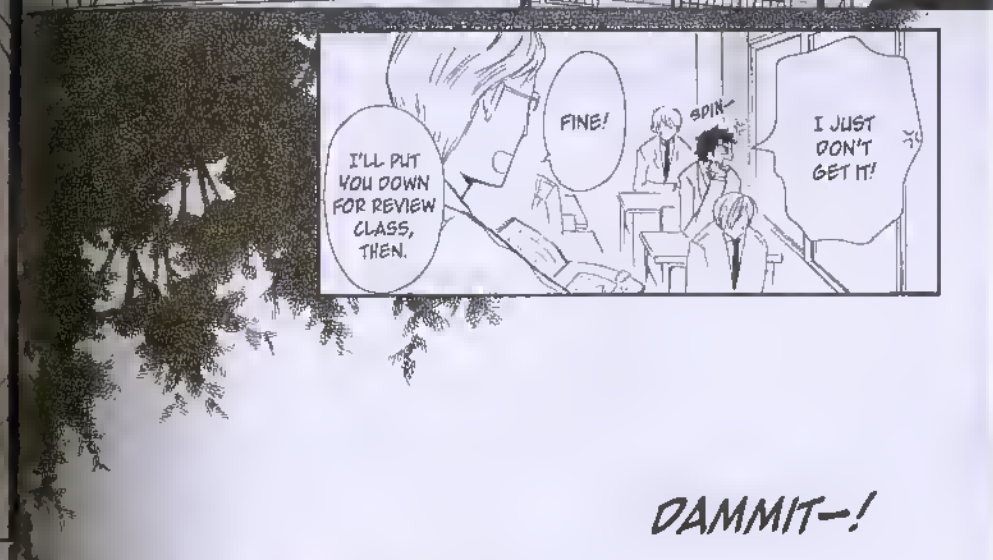
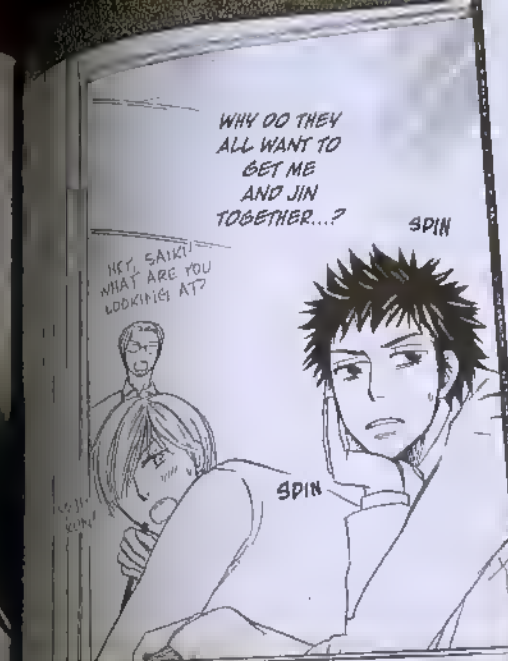
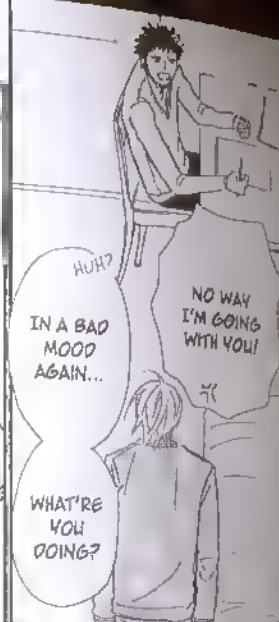
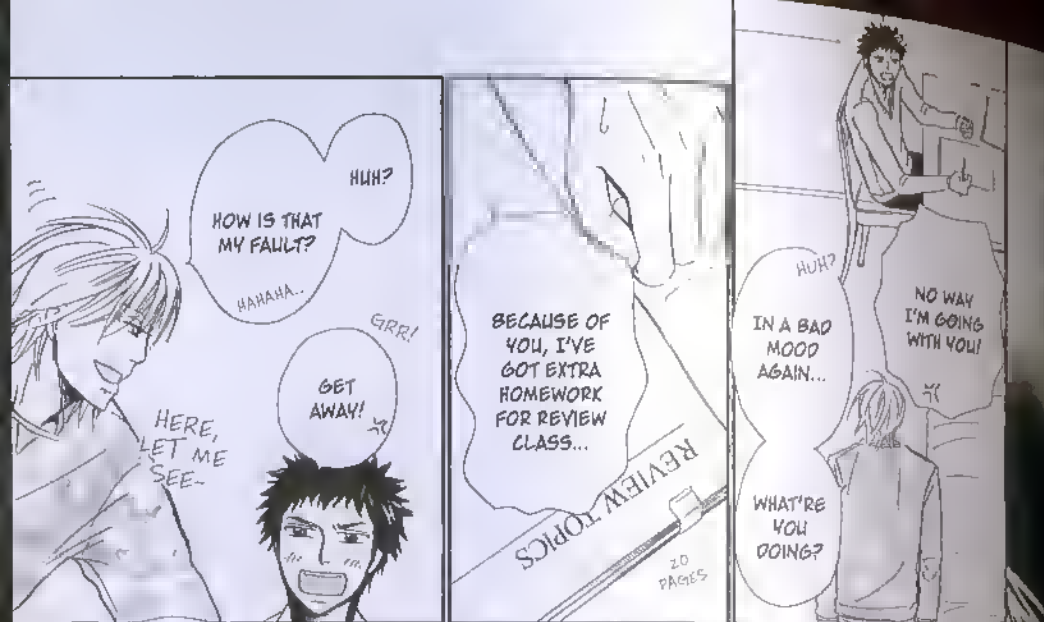
THAT TALL
SEMPAI
WE JUST
TALKED TO.

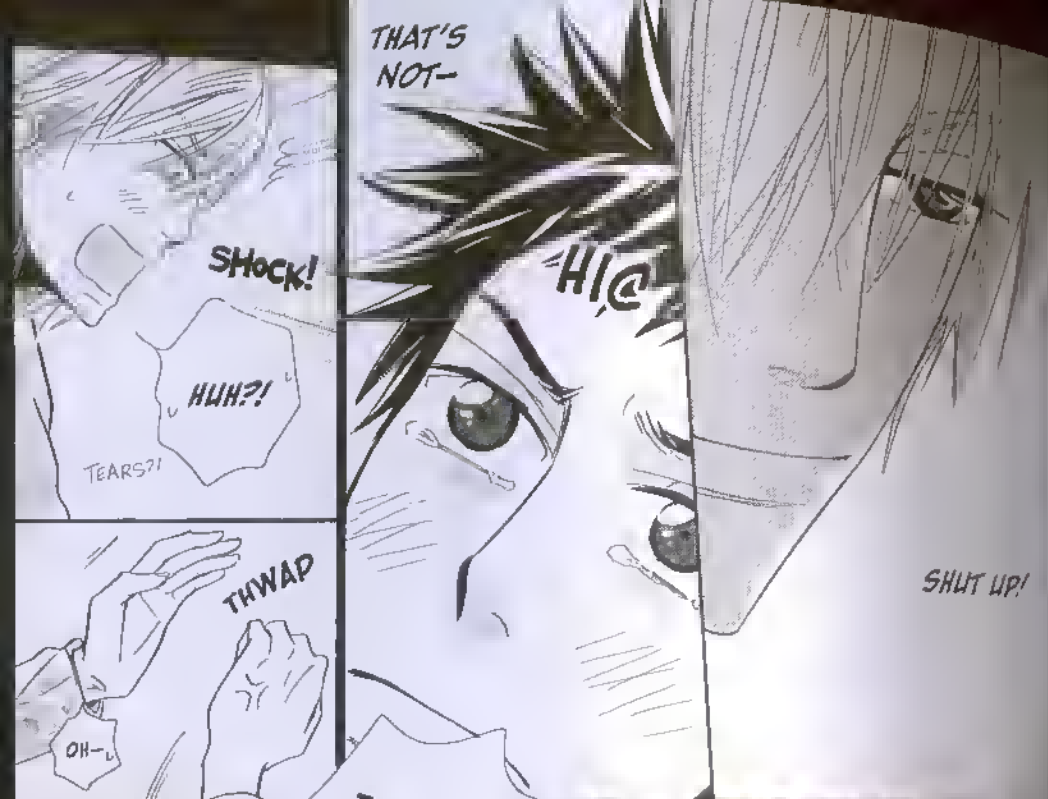
OH,
REALLY...

NO WONDER
THEY
SEEMED SO
CLOSE...

"OH,
REALLY"?

IS THAT ALL
YOU HAVE TO
SAY?!





THAT'S NOT-

SHOCK!

HUH?!

TEARS?!

THWAP

OH-U

SHUT UP!

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!!!

WH... WHAT?

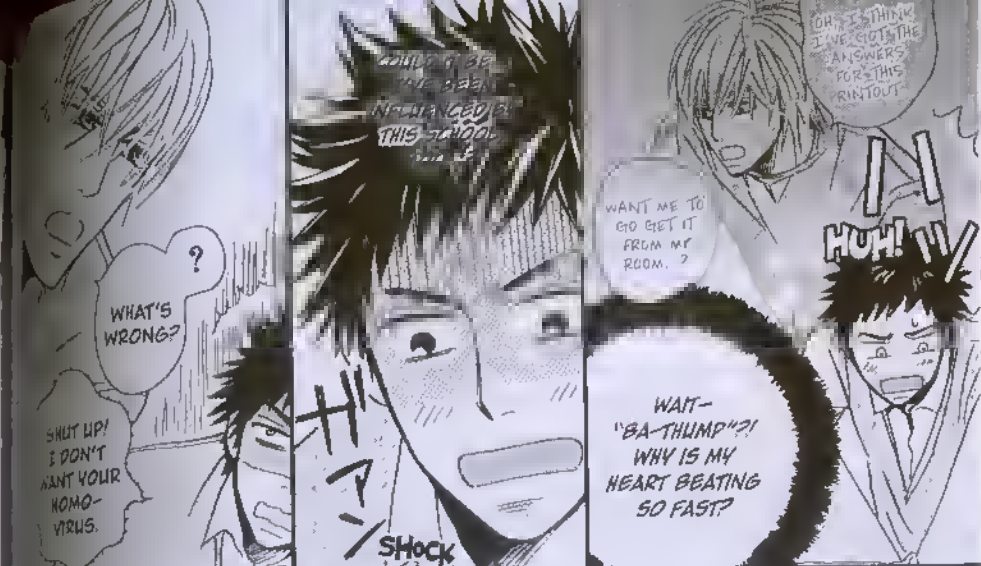
GET OUT, STUPID!

SLAM!

AND BESIDES...

THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, EITHER

I GOT SO WORKED UP, MY EYES STARTED TEARING. HOW EMBARRASSING!



WHAT'S WRONG?

SHUT UP! I DON'T WANT YOUR HOMO-VIRUS.

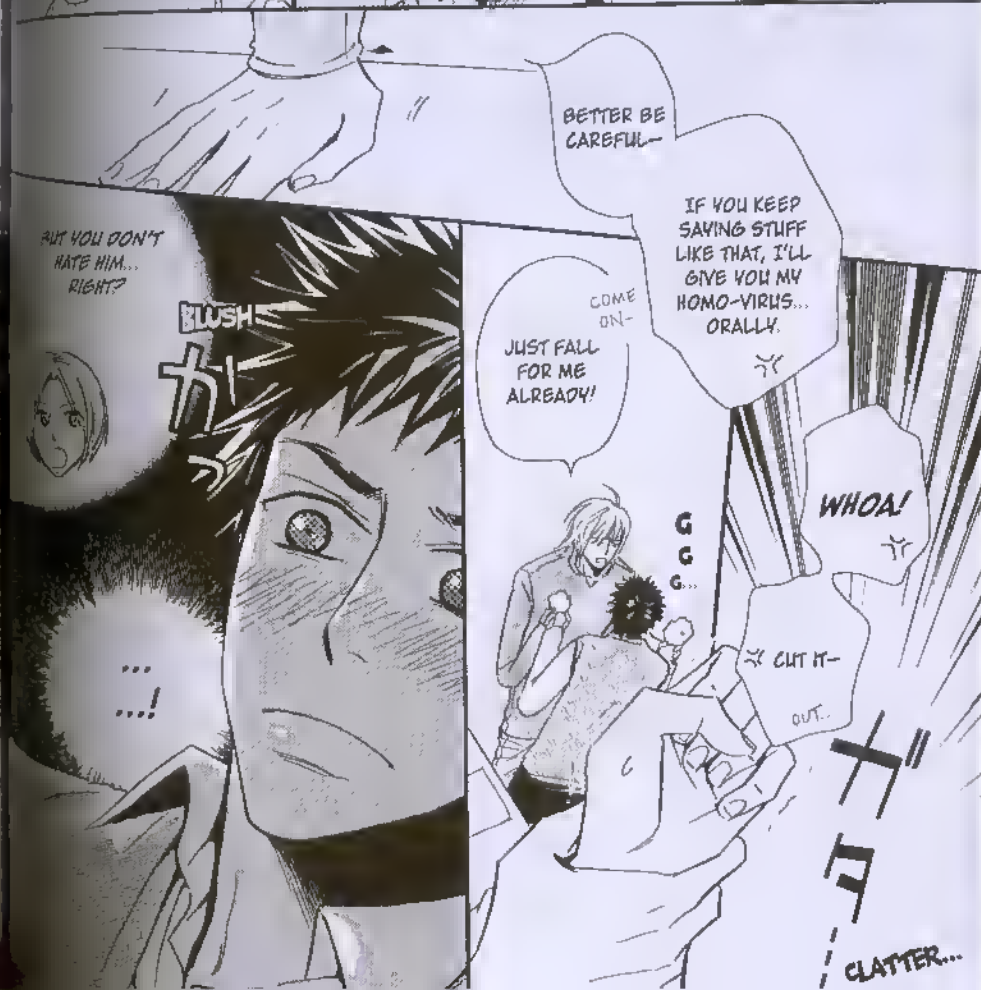
SHOCK

WANT ME TO GO GET IT FROM MY ROOM.?

WAIT- "BA-THUMP"?! WHY IS MY HEART BEATING SO FAST?

HOH! W

OH- I THINK I'VE GOT THE ANSWERS FOR THIS PRINTOUT



BETTER BE CAREFUL-

IF YOU KEEP SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT, I'LL GIVE YOU MY HOMO-VIRUS... ORALLY.

JUST FALL FOR ME ALREADY!

COME ON-

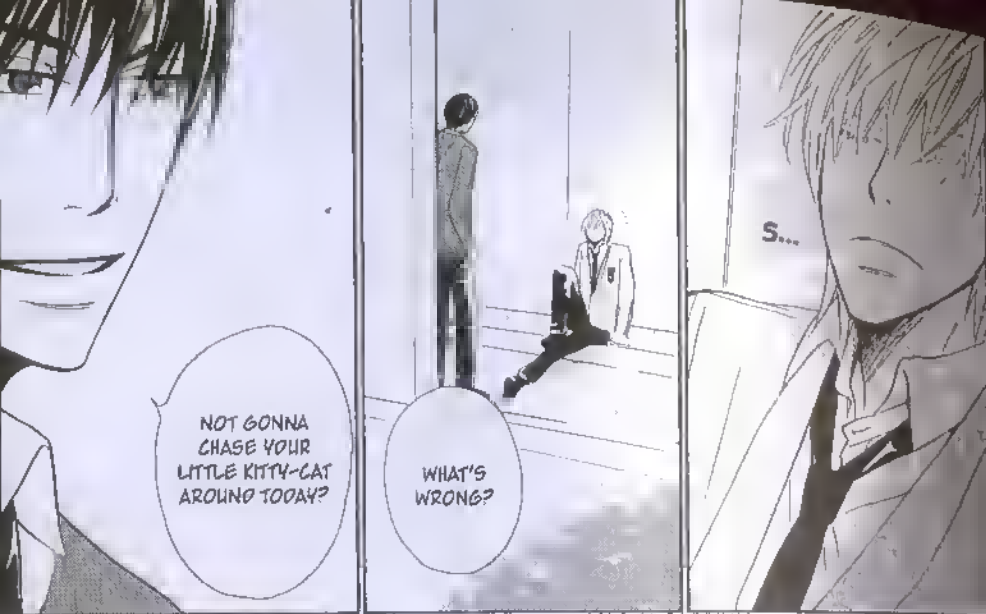
BUT YOU DON'T HATE HIM... RIGHT?

BLUSH

WHOA!

CUT IT- OUT.

CLATTER...



NOT GONNA
CHASE YOUR
LITTLE KITTY-CAT
AROUND TODAY?

WHAT'S
WRONG?

S...

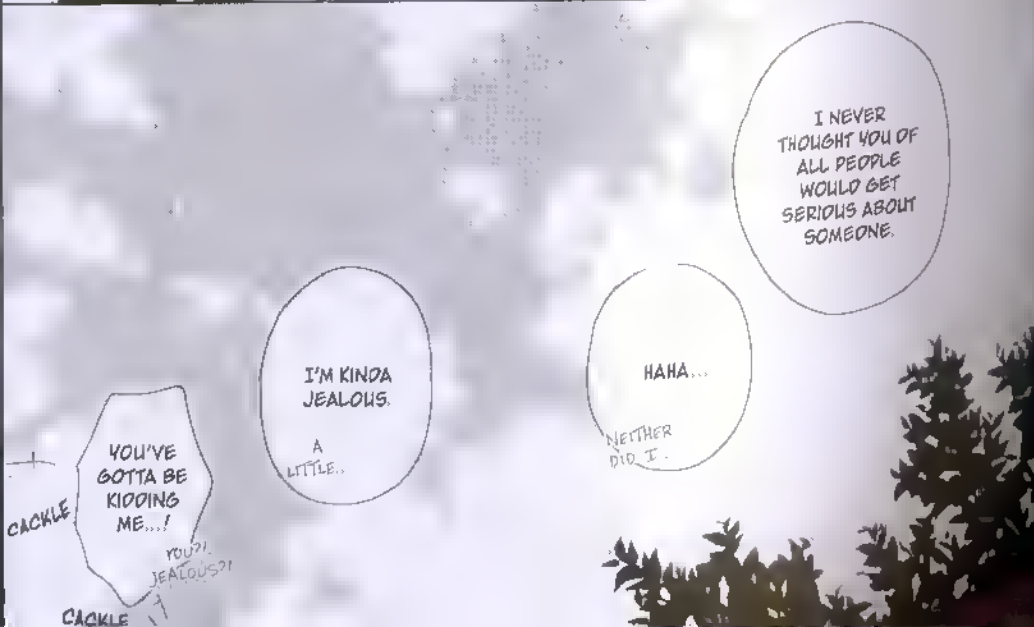


HEH...

HAHAHA

I'M JUST
WAITING FOR
THINGS TO COOL
DOWN

EH...
I KINDA MADE
HIM MAD LAST
NIGHT...



I NEVER
THOUGHT YOU OF
ALL PEOPLE
WOULD GET
SERIOUS ABOUT
SOMEONE.

HANA...

NEITHER
DID I.

I'M KINDA
JEALOUS.

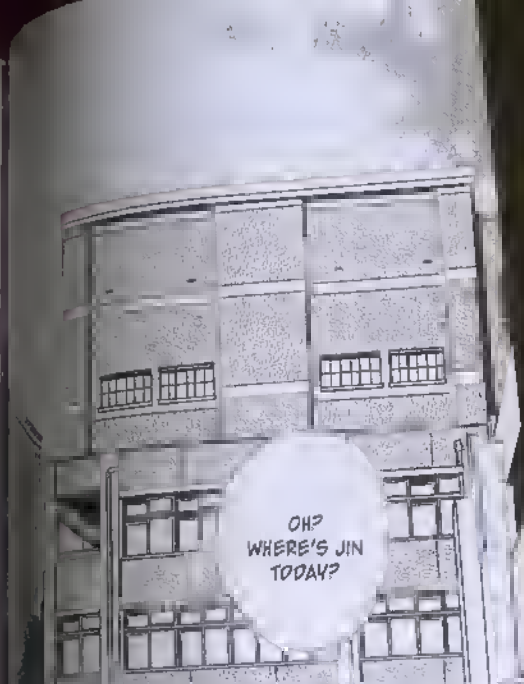
A
LITTLE...

YOU'VE
GOTTA BE
KIDDING
ME...!

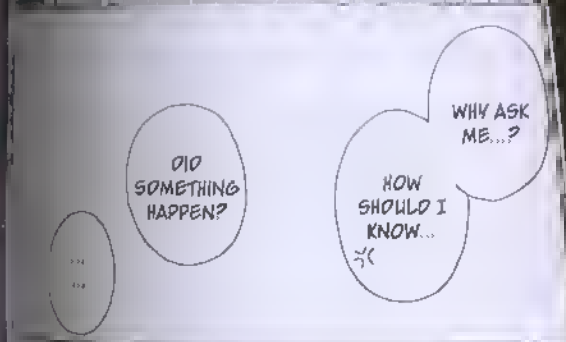
YOU?
JEALOUS?!

CACKLE

CACKLE



OH?
WHERE'S JIN
TODAY?



DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN?

WHY ASK
ME...?

HOW
SHOULD I
KNOW...



HUH?!

OF COURSE
NOT.

...IF IT
DID-

IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
YOUR FAULT!

WHAT DID
I DO?!

OH MAN...

...WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
ME...?!





KOJI!

HE'S JUST A
FRIEND...!

STOMP

KOJI,
WAIT!

QUIT
FOLLOWING
ME!

STOMP

YANK

JUST
LISTEN...!

I SEE...
SO YOU DO
STUFF LIKE THAT
WITH YOUR
"FRIENDS,"
HUH?



JIN...

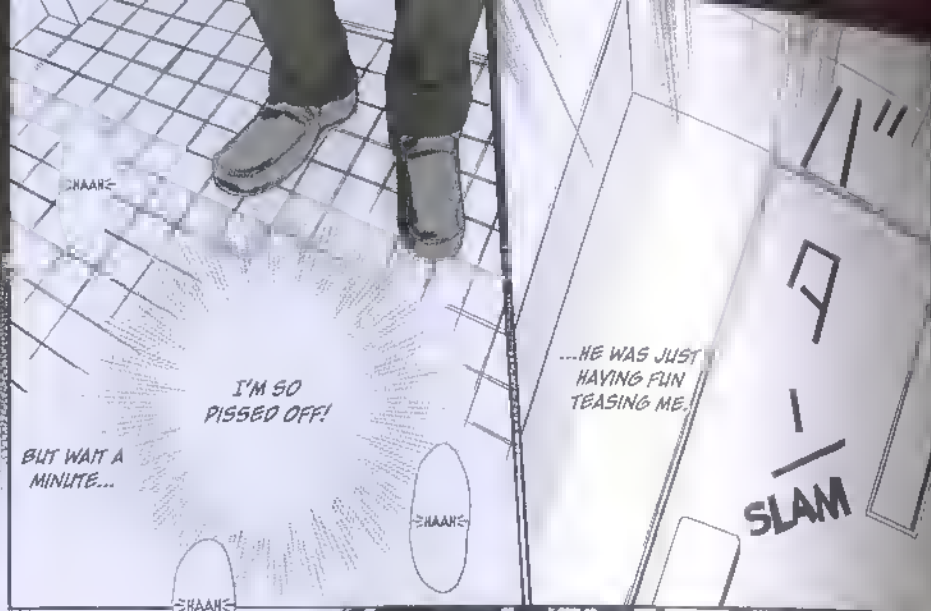
HUH?

WHA...

CUT IT
OUT...

OH...

TAP



BUT WAIT A
MINUTE...

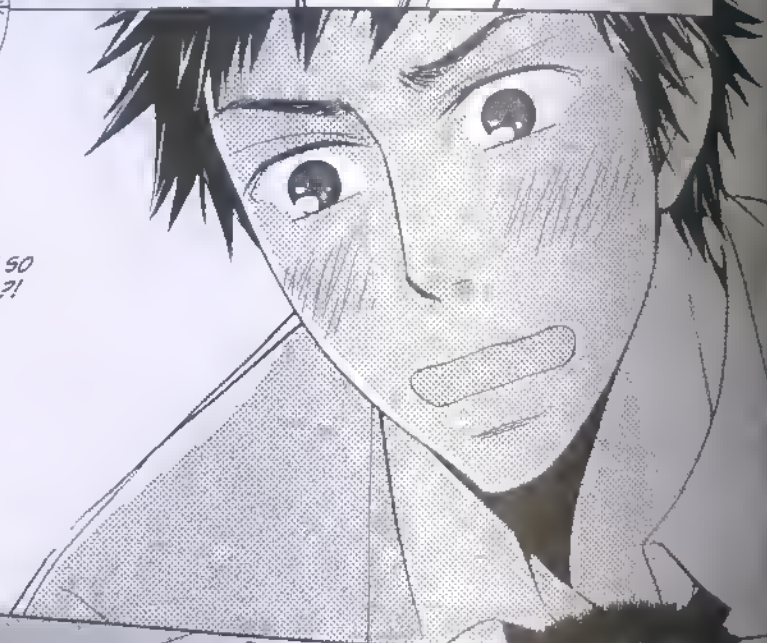
I'M SO
PISSED OFF!

...HE WAS JUST
HAVING FUN
TEASING ME.

SLAM

SHAAAK

SHAAAK



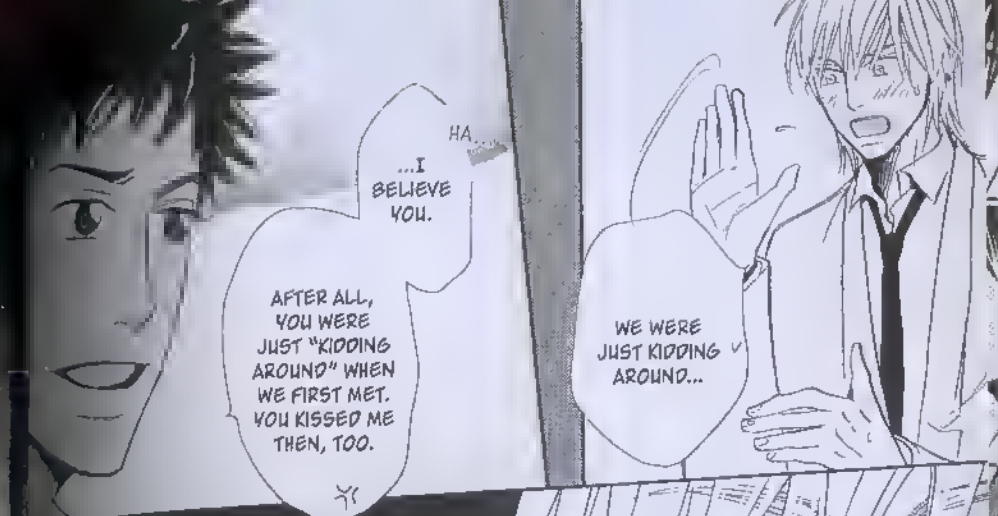
WHY AM I SO
UPSET...?!

SHOCKED
EVEN →
MORE AT
HIMSELF

I SWEAR,
I FEEL LIKE
CRYING...

ARRGH...

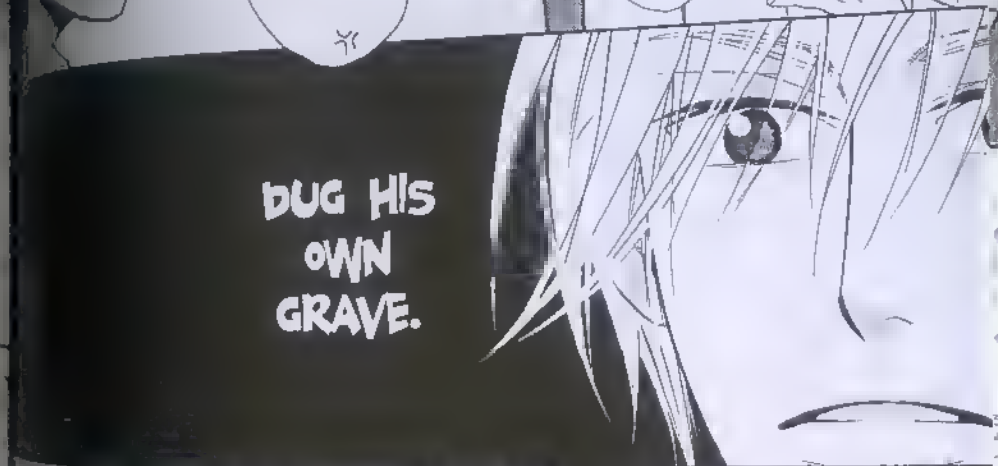
IS THERE
SOMETHING
WRONG WITH ME
AFTER ALL?!



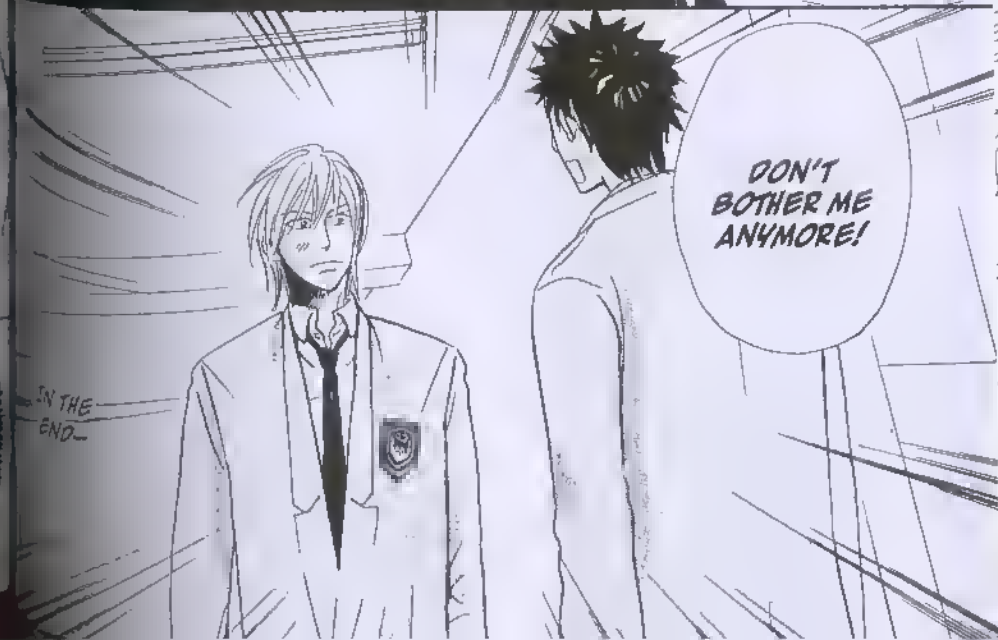
HA...
...I
BELIEVE
YOU.

AFTER ALL,
YOU WERE
JUST "KIDDING
AROUND" WHEN
WE FIRST MET.
YOU KISSED ME
THEN, TOO.

WE WERE
JUST KIDDING
AROUND...

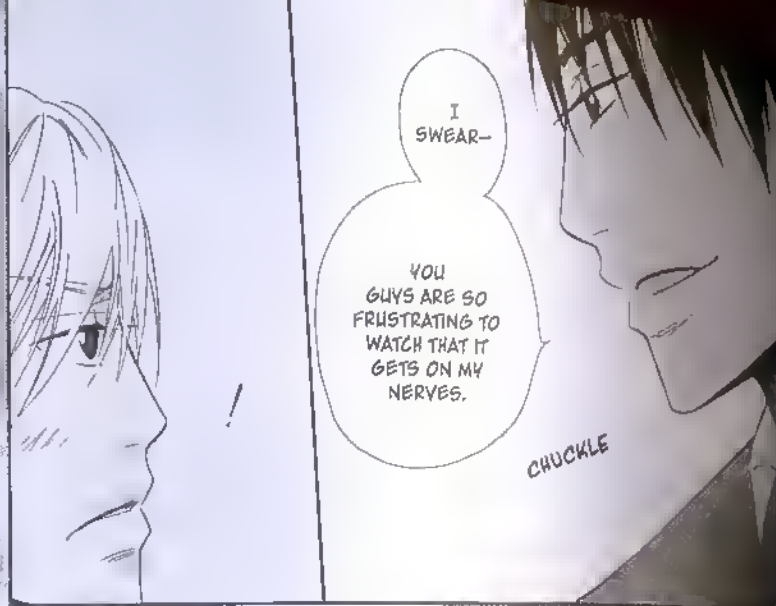


DUG HIS
OWN
GRAVE.



IN THE
END...

DON'T
BOTHER ME
ANYMORE!



I
SWEAR-

YOU
GUYS ARE SO
FRUSTRATING TO
WATCH THAT IT
GETS ON MY
NERVES.

CHUCKLE



...DON'T
APOLOGIZE...

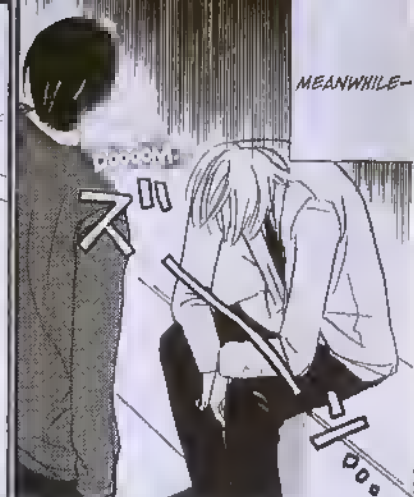
IT'S MY FAULT
FOR ACTING IN A
MISLEADING
WAY...

I DIDN'T
THINK IT WOULD
TURN OUT LIKE
THIS.

SORRY...

IT WAS
MEANT TO
BE A JOKE

FEELS BAD
UNWITTINGLY
OF HIMSELF



MEANWHILE-



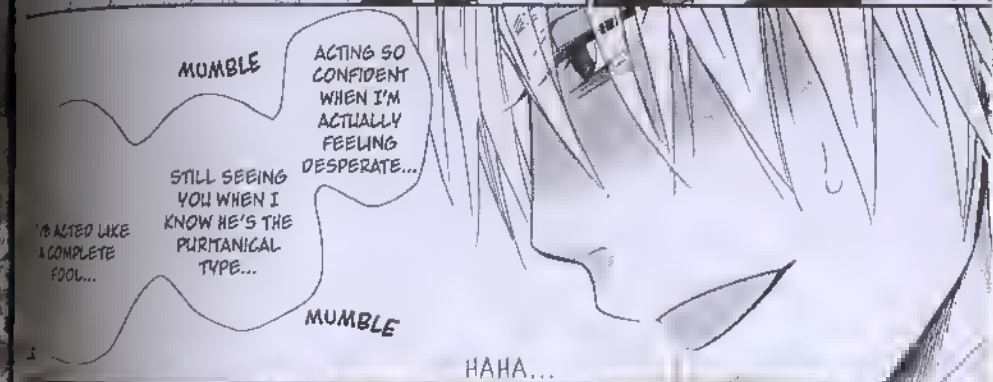
CRASH

MURMUR

POP

KOJI!

GOT A
SEC?



MUMBLE

ACTING SO
CONFIDENT
WHEN I'M
ACTUALLY
FEELING
DESPERATE...

HE'S ACTED LIKE
A COMPLETE
FOOL...

STILL SEEING
YOU WHEN I
KNOW HE'S THE
PURITANICAL
TYPE...

MUMBLE

HAHA...



I'LL GO ASK HIM
HOW HE FEELS
ABOUT YOU.

WIIA...

WATT!

WHAT?!

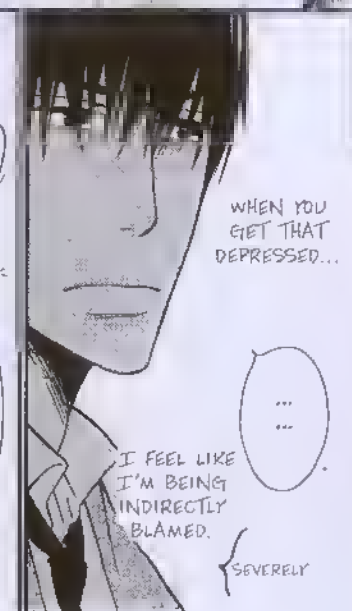


TAP...

OKAY

I'LL JUST GO
HAVE A WORD
WITH KOJI...

HUH...?



WHEN YOU
GET THAT
DEPRESSED...

I FEEL LIKE
I'M BEING
INDIRECTLY
BLAMED.

SEVERELY

I'D HAVE TO
FACE IT AND...

IF THAT
HAPPENED...

THAT'S
SOMETHING
BETWEEN
ME AND
JIN...

SO I'M NOT
TELLING YOU!

WHAT?!

WHAT WOULD
YOUR ANSWER
BE...?

IF I WERE
BACKED INTO A
CORNER...?

THAT'S...

WHISTLE
♡

JUMP!

HUH...?

...SO HE
SAVS!

HEAR
THAT?

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

YOUR
ATTITUDE-

CACKLE

I
SUPPOSE
NOT.

HAHA...

LIKE I SAID-
IT'S THAT
KIND OF
"FRIENDSHIP."

KISSING, HOLDING,
OR BEING HELD...
WE DO IT, BUT OUR
HEARTS AREN'T IN
IT.

IT'S KINDA
LIKE ROMPING
WITH A PET
CAT OR DOG.
GET IT?

GOOD
QUESTION,
KID-

I'VE GOT SOME
IDEA OF THE
MISUNDERSTANDING
YOU MUST BE
UNDER, AND... I
JUST WANNA SAY,
ME AND JIN ARE
JUST FRIENDS.

THAT'S ALL.

SO YOU KISS
WITH ALL
YOUR
FRIENDS...?

WHAT'S
THIS
ABOUT...?

CONFESSED...?!

WHAT...?!

HE HASN'T
PROPERLY
CONFESSED HIS
LOVE FOR YOU,
HAS HE?

ANYWAY, THIS
IS ALL JIN'S
FAULT.

BUT...

WHAT
ARE YOU
BLUSHING
FOR?

OH
COME
ON...

FINE, THEN.
HYPOTHETICALLY
SPEAKING...

WHAT IF HE
CONFESSED TO
YOU SERIOUSLY-
WHAT WOULD YOU
DO?

...HE'S JUST
TEASING ME WITH
THAT...!

...BUT...

I THINK I'M IN
LOVE WITH HIM,
TOO...

THAT'S A LITTLE
✓ TOO DIRECT...

I LOVE
YOU.

PLEASE GO
OUT WITH
ME.

CREAK...

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シ

...

...COULD
YOU CLOSE
YOUR EYES?

OTHERWISE
IT'S KINDA
AWKWARD...

KISSING
YOU

THEN
CLOSE
YOUR OWN
EYES.

THEN
KEEP 'EM
OPEN.

...

...

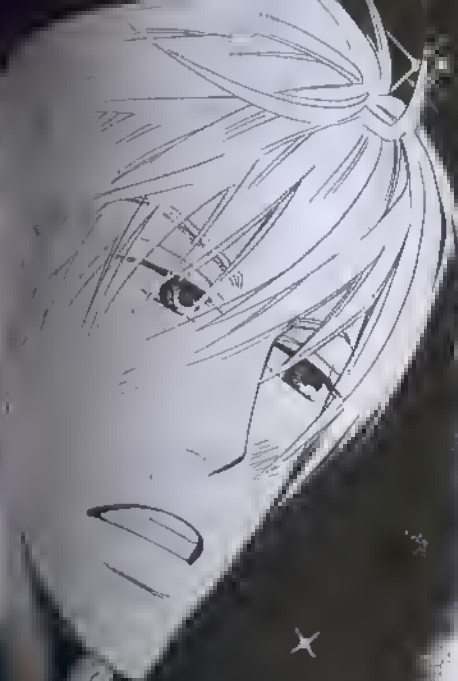
...

FINE

HUH...?

MM...

TUG...



SO I WANT YOU TO
SERIOUSLY
CONSIDER GOING
OUT WITH ME...

I FEEL LIKE I'VE
BEEN DUPED INTO THIS
SOMEHOW, BUT...

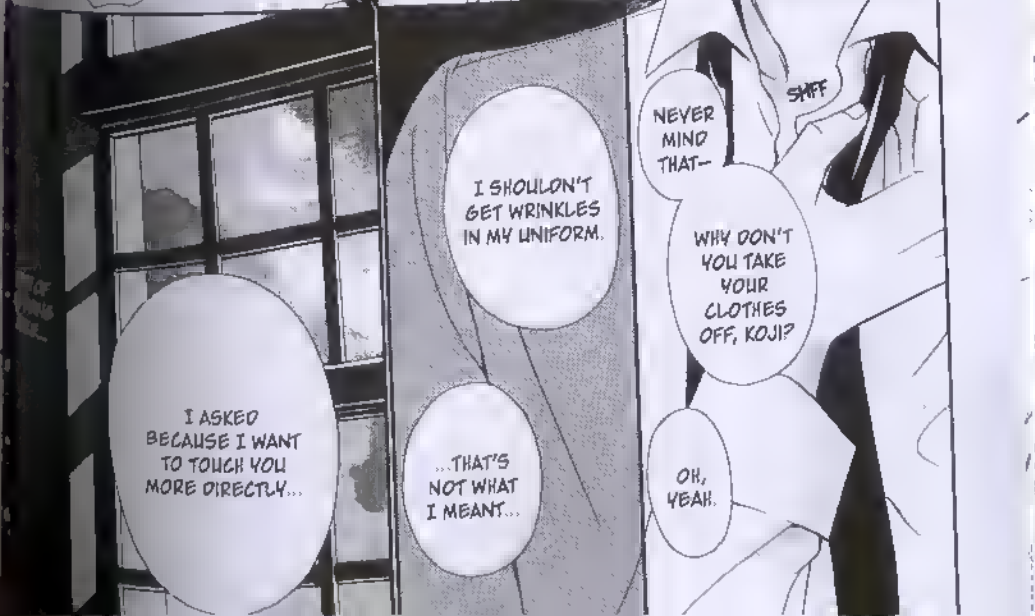
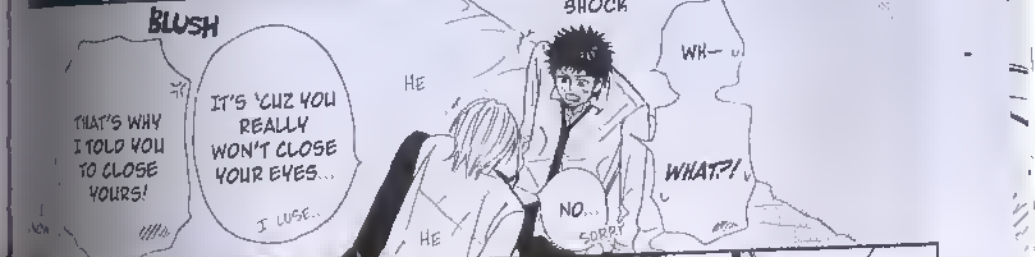
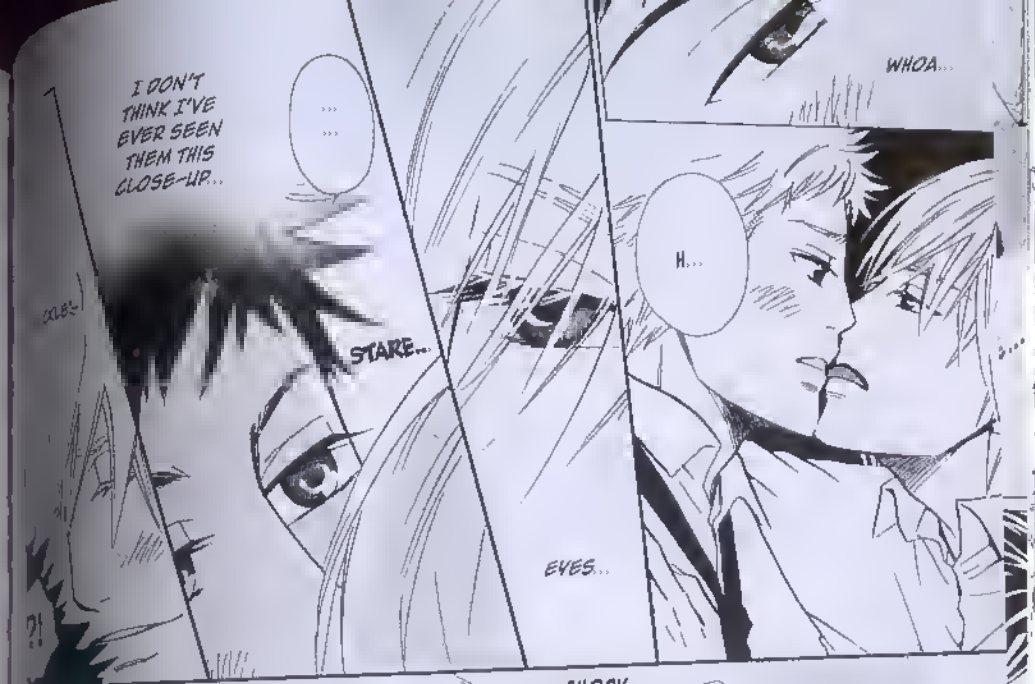
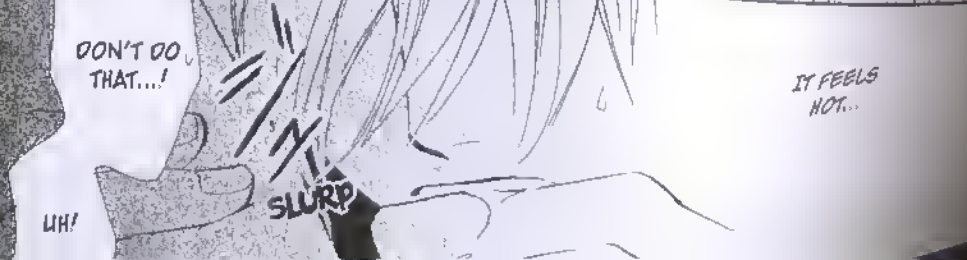
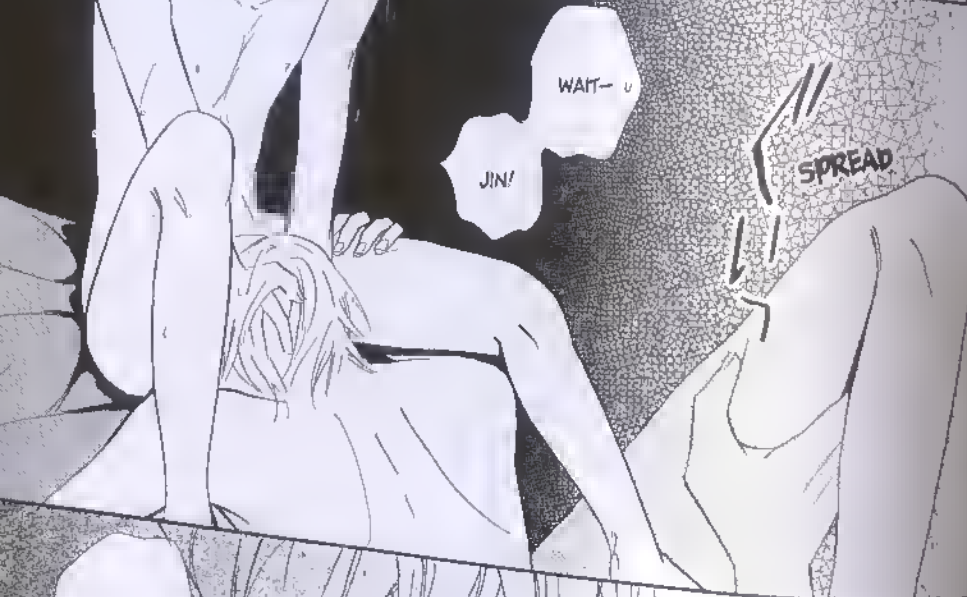
I DIDN'T
WANT TO
ADMIT IT...

...KOJI.

RUSTLE...



I WON'T DO
ANYTHING TO
CONFUSE
YOU AGAIN.





AM I GOING
TO KEEP
FALLING
HARDER FOR
THIS GUY,
JUST LIKE HE
WANTS?

I'LL SAVE MY
FUN FOR LATER.

I'M TOO
EMBARRASSED
TO IMAGINE
MYSELF LIKE
THAT, BUT...

RUMPLE



DON'T YOU
WANT ME TO
DO YOU...?

PFFT!



AT THIS POINT,
I HAVE NO
OTHER CHOICE...

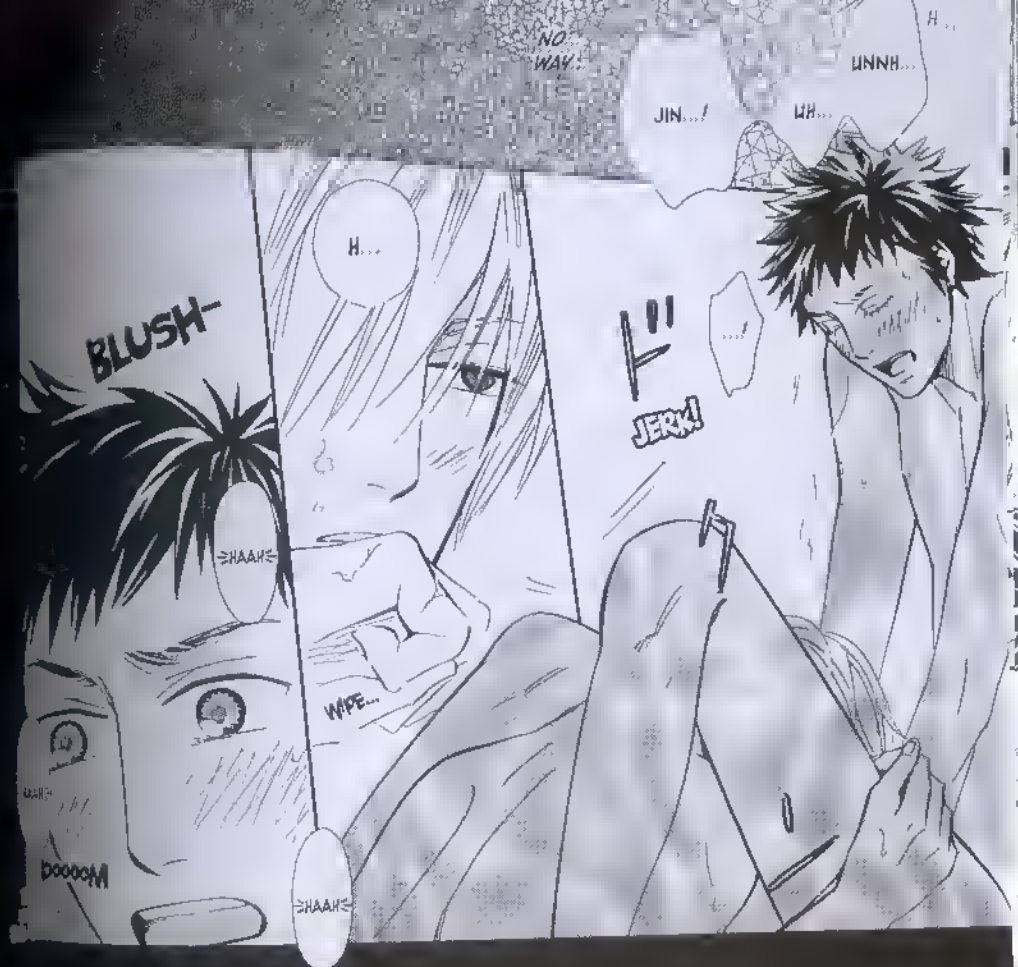
I GIVE
UP...

CHIRP

CHIRP

THE
NEXT
SUNDAY

8:00 AM



BLUSH-

H...

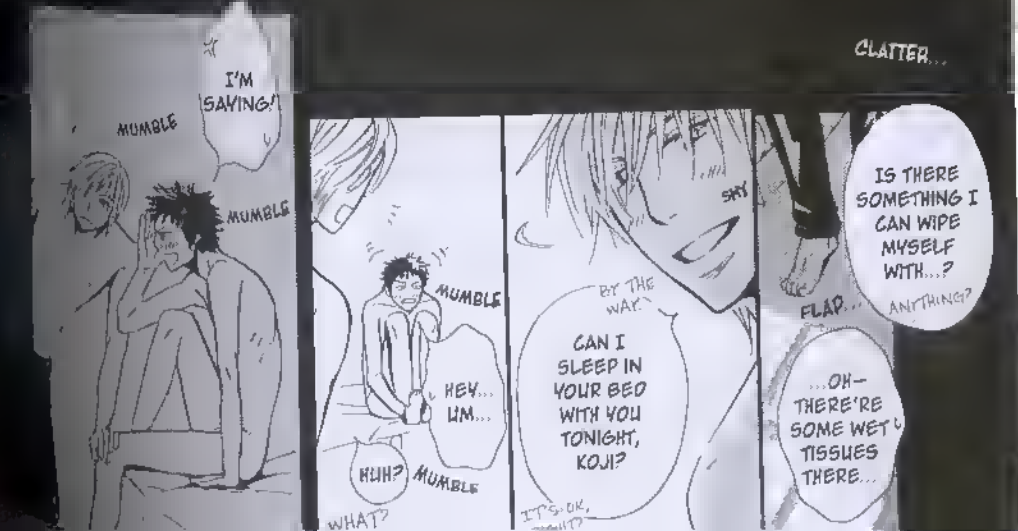
JERK!

WE...

SHAAKE

DOOOOM

SHAAKE



CLATTER...

I'M SAYING!

MUMBLE

MUMBLE

MUMBLE

WHAT?

BY THE WAY...

CAN I
SLEEP IN
YOUR BED
WITH YOU
TONIGHT,
KOJI?

IS THERE
SOMETHING I
CAN WIPE
MYSELF
WITH...?
ANYTHING?

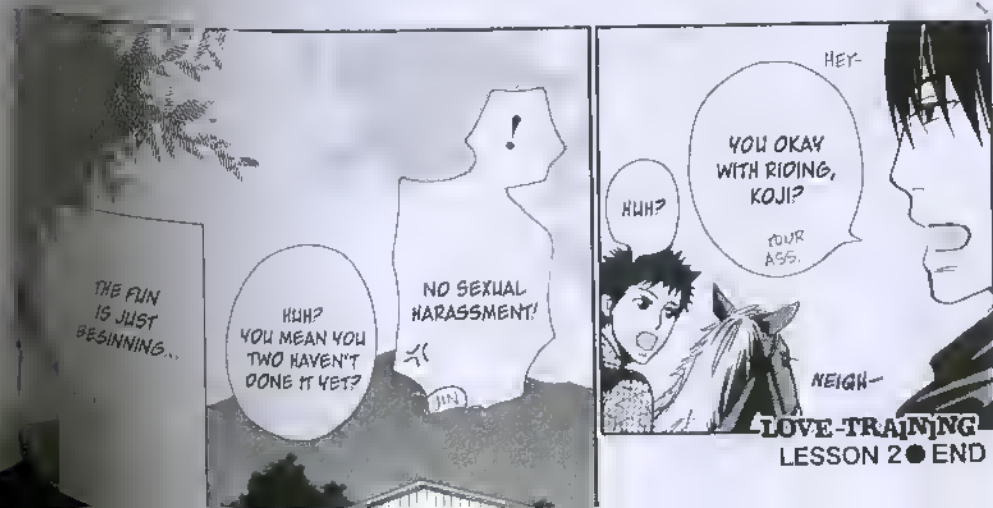
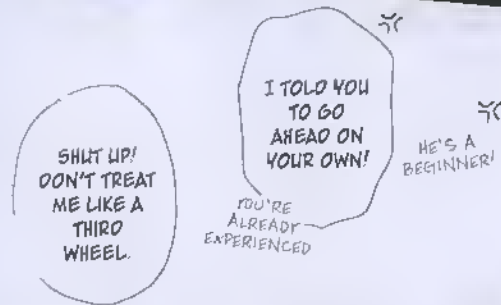
FLAP...

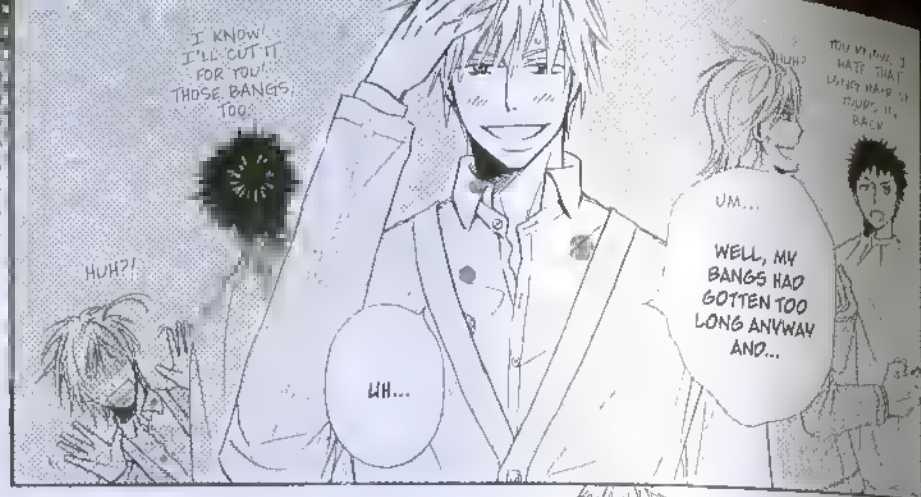
OH-
THERE'RE
SOME WET
TISSUES
THERE...

IT'S OK,
RIGHT?

LOVE TRAINING
LESSON 3

ラブトレ





I KNOW!
I'LL CUT IT
FOR YOU!
THOSE BANGS,
TOO?

HUH?!

UH...

UM...
WELL, MY
BANGS HAD
GOTTEN TOO
LONG ANYWAY
AND...

YOU KNOW, I
HATE THAT
LONG HAIR IT
TURNS IT
BACK



THANKS FOR
THESE...
I FEEL MUCH
BETTER NOW.



...DIDN'T YOU
SAV THEY
WERE FOR
CUTTING
KOJI'S HAIR?

VUP!
I CUT HIS
HAIR FOR
HIM!

IT WAS
FUN-



...LET ME
CUT YOUR
HAIR, TOO...

HA
HA
HA
HA

IT'S
GREAT!
BEING IN
LOVE IS
SOOO
FUN-

YOU SHOULD
FIND
SOMEBODY
SOON, TOO.



SEEMS
LIKE
YOU'RE
HAVING
FUN.

VUP!

IT PISSES
ME OFF.

SMIRK



...IS WITH THAT
HACK JOB ON
YOUR HEAD?



THEN WHAT...

BIG TALK FROM
SOMEONE WHO
WAS CRYING ON MY
SHOULDER UNTIL
JUST RECENTLY...

HAHA.

YOU SEEM
BORED.

I THOUGHT
IT'D HELP YOU
ON THOSE
COLD NIGHTS
ALONE.

WATCH
IT!

CRUSH

MARCH!

WHAT'S THIS?
I'VE NEVER
HEARD OF
THIS.

"BEAUTIFUL
BOYS?"
SOUNDS
FISHY

THAT
BUSY-
BODY...

WHAT PISSES ME
OFF IS THAT THOSE
TWO ACTUALLY
MAKE A PRETTY
GOOD COUPLE...

CLIK

CLIK

AND THERE MUST BE
SOMETHING WRONG WITH
ME, TOO, BECAUSE I
FIND IT FUN TO WATCH
THE IDIOTS IN LOVE...

HEY...

HM?

AS THANKS
FOR LENDING
HIM THE
SHEARS.

EIJI いじ

WANT ME TO
INTRODUCE YOU
TO SOMEONE?

SQUISH...

SOMEONE
GAVE ME THIS
EARLIER.

CRINKLE

RENT-A-BOYS TO
YOUR DOOR

016-214

BY THE WAY, IS IT
A TREND IN THIS
WING OF THE
DORM TO HAVE
RENT-A-BOYS
DELIVERED TO
YOUR DOOR?

SLURRRP

EH?

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!

DRIBBLE

YOU'RE
NOT WITH
ANYBODY
RIGHT NOW,
ARE YOU?

DRIBBLE

WIDE

31

SHUT UP...
IT'S MY POLICY
NOT TO LIMIT
MYSELF TO ONE
PARTNER...

IS
THAT
RIGHT?

31



ALL I NEED IS
AN HOUR...

UM...

WOULD YOU LIKE
TO HAVE SOME
FUN WITH ME?

WHAT DO
YOU WANT?

YEAH...?

WHO IS
IT?

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KNOCK

KNOCK

THE NIGHTS GET
TOO LONG
DURING WINTER
AROUND HERE...

BEING WAY
UP IN THE
MOUNTAINS...
THERE'S
NOTHING
HERE...

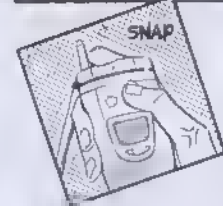
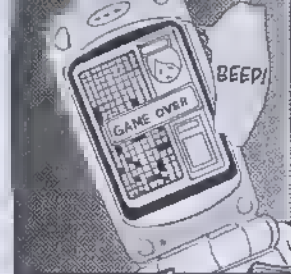
OH
MAN...

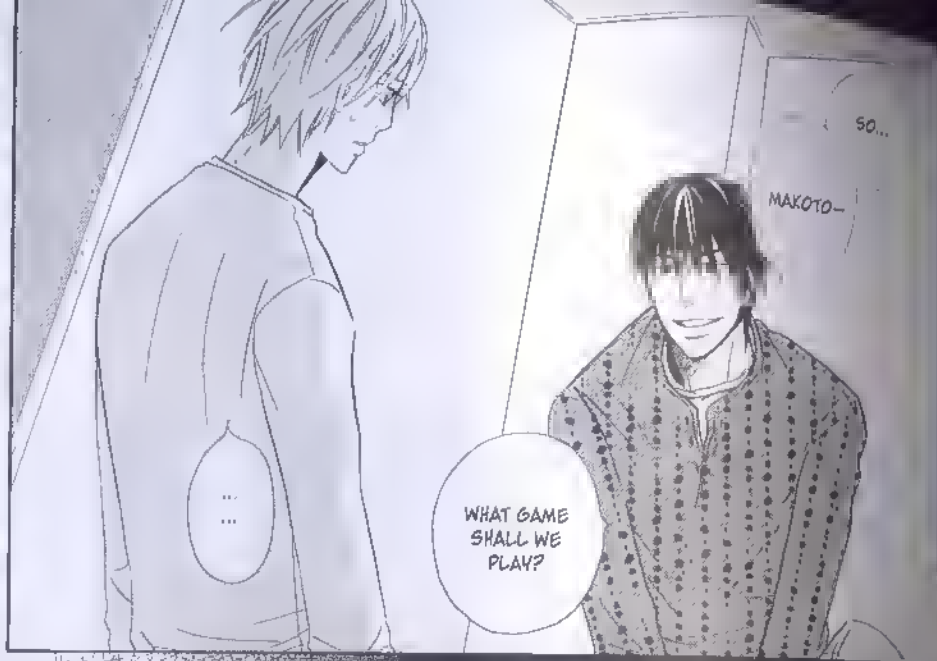
I'M
BORED.

MAYBE
I'LL GET
SOMEONE TO
SET UP A
MIXER OR
SOMETHING...

SNAP

CLIK



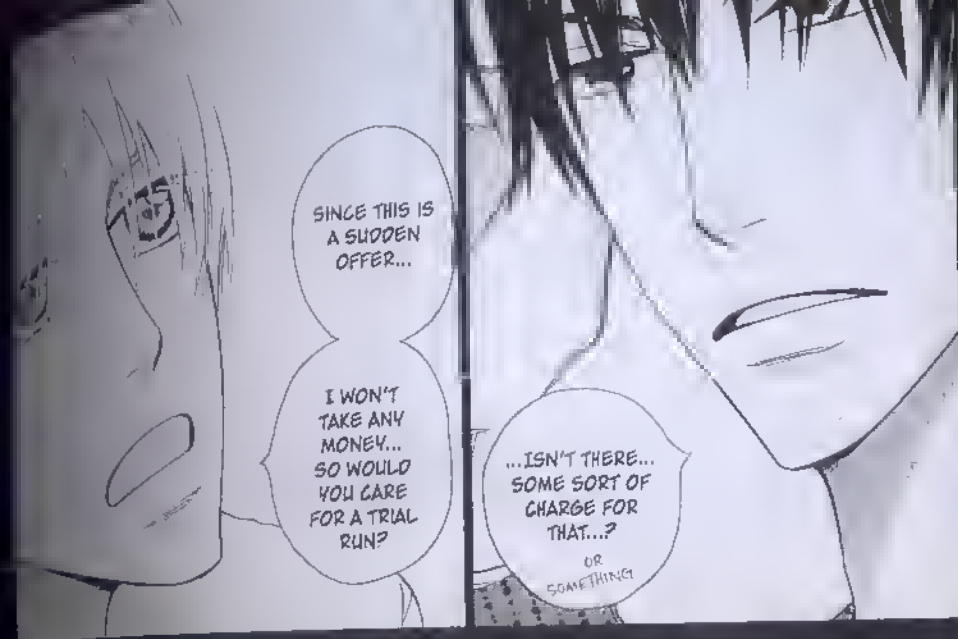


SO...

MAKOTO--

...

WHAT GAME
SHALL WE
PLAY?



SINCE THIS IS
A SUDDEN
OFFER...

I WON'T
TAKE ANY
MONEY...
SO WOULD
YOU CARE
FOR A TRIAL
RUN?

...ISN'T THERE...
SOME SORT OF
CHARGE FOR
THAT...?

OR
SOMETHING



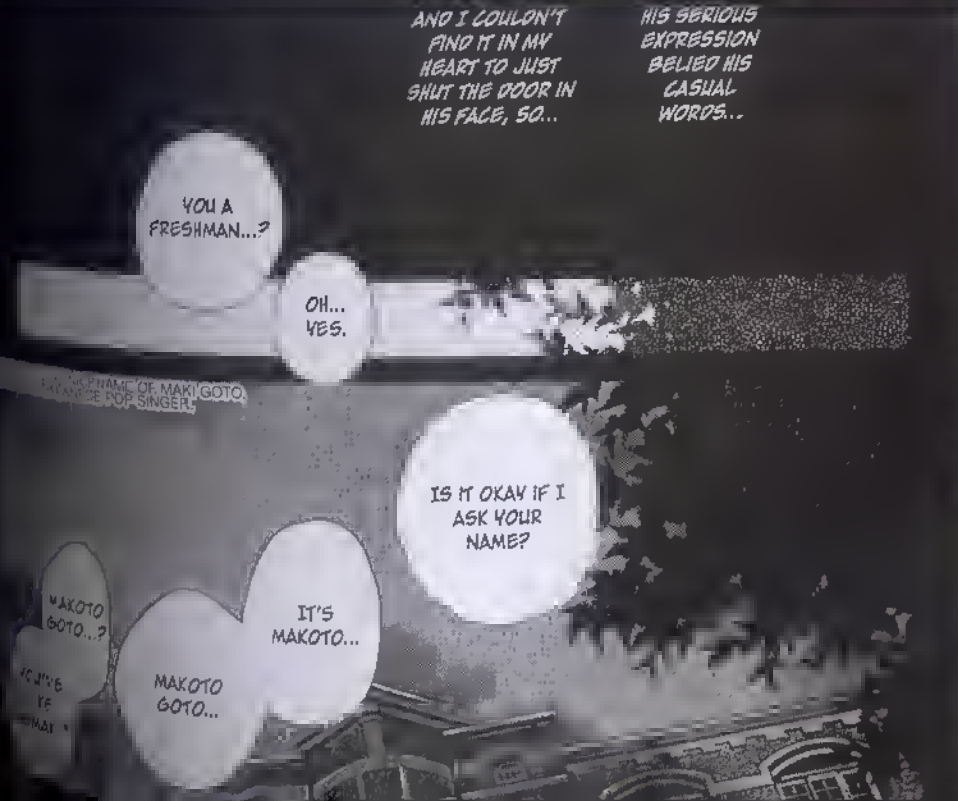
"LOVED"...

HE
REPLIED
IN A
HOARSE,
HUSKY
VOICE.

BUT...

"HAVE SOME
FUN" MY ASS.

NNGH...



AND I COULDN'T
FIND IT IN MY
HEART TO JUST
SHUT THE DOOR IN
HIS FACE, SO...

HIS SERIOUS
EXPRESSION
BELIED HIS
CASUAL
WORDS...

YOU A
FRESHMAN...?

OH...
YES.

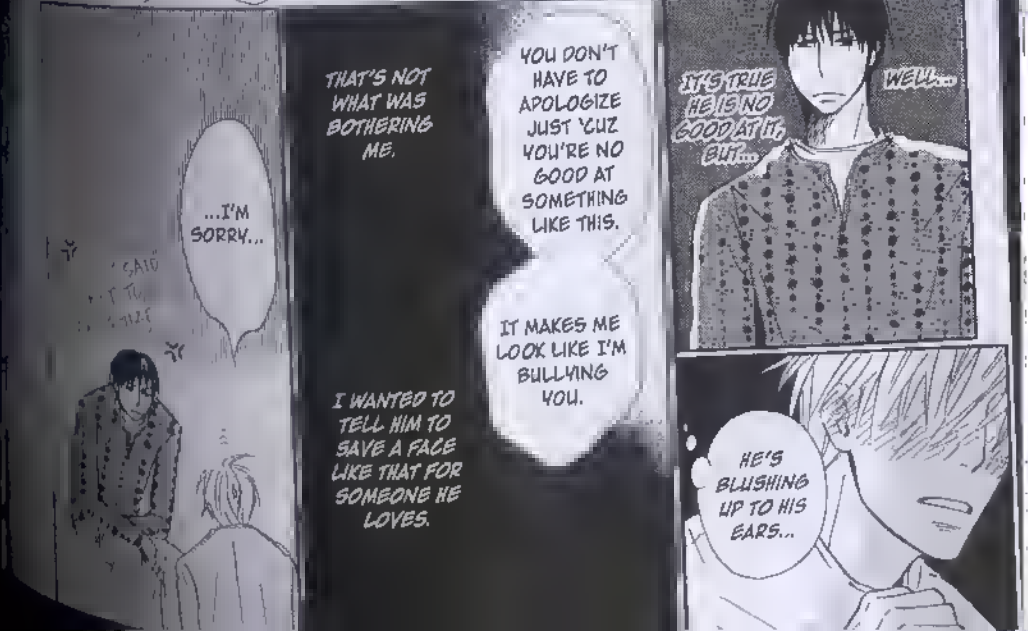
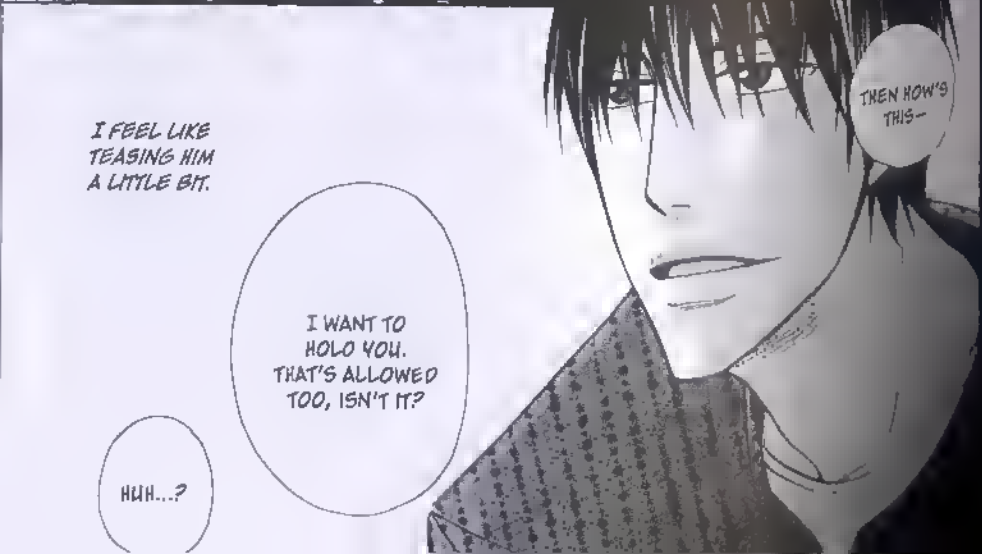
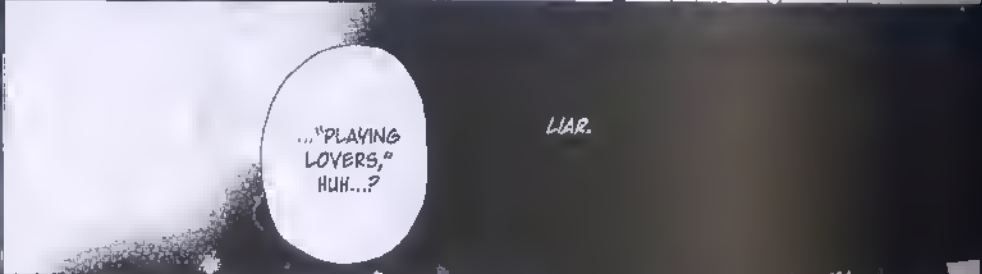
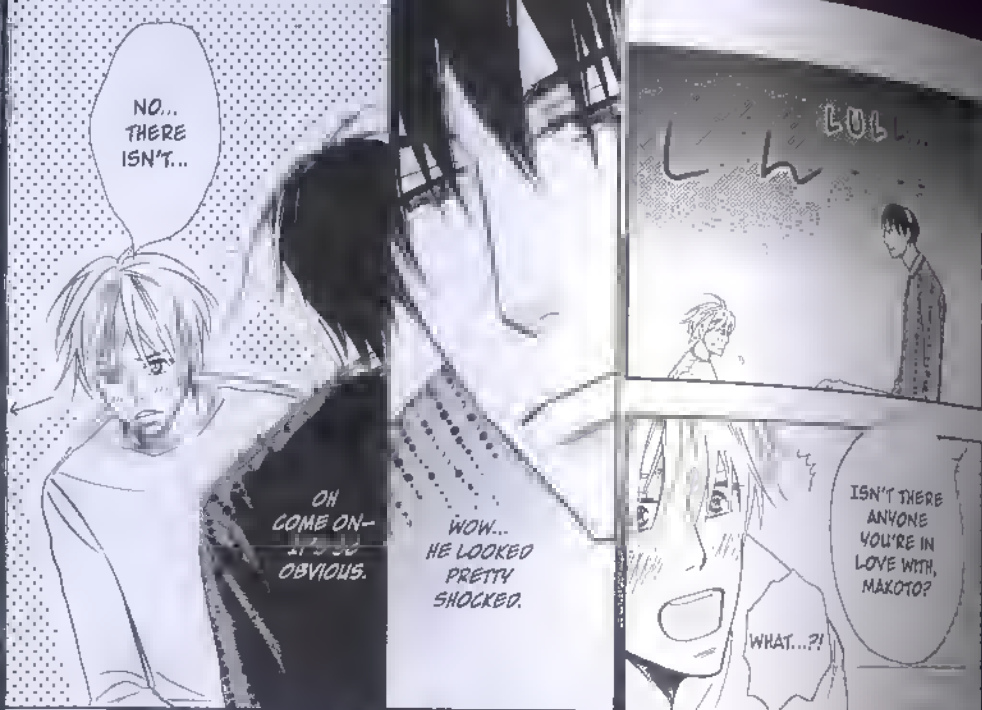
THE NAME OF MAKI GOTO,
FUTURE POP SINGER.

IS IT OKAY IF I
ASK YOUR
NAME?

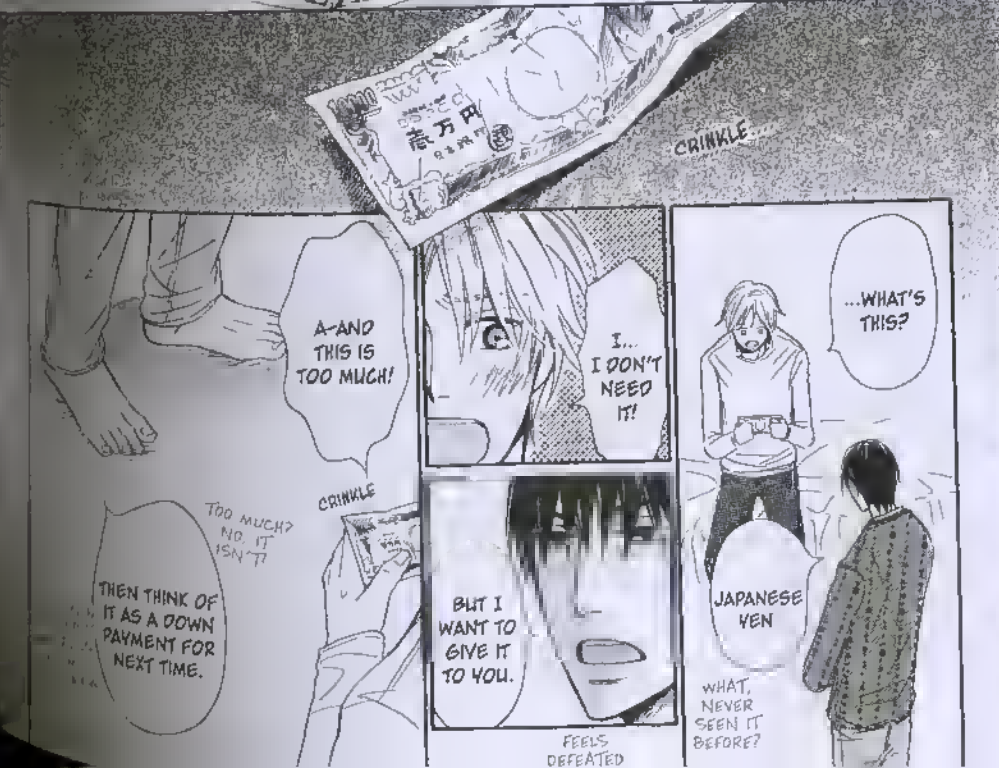
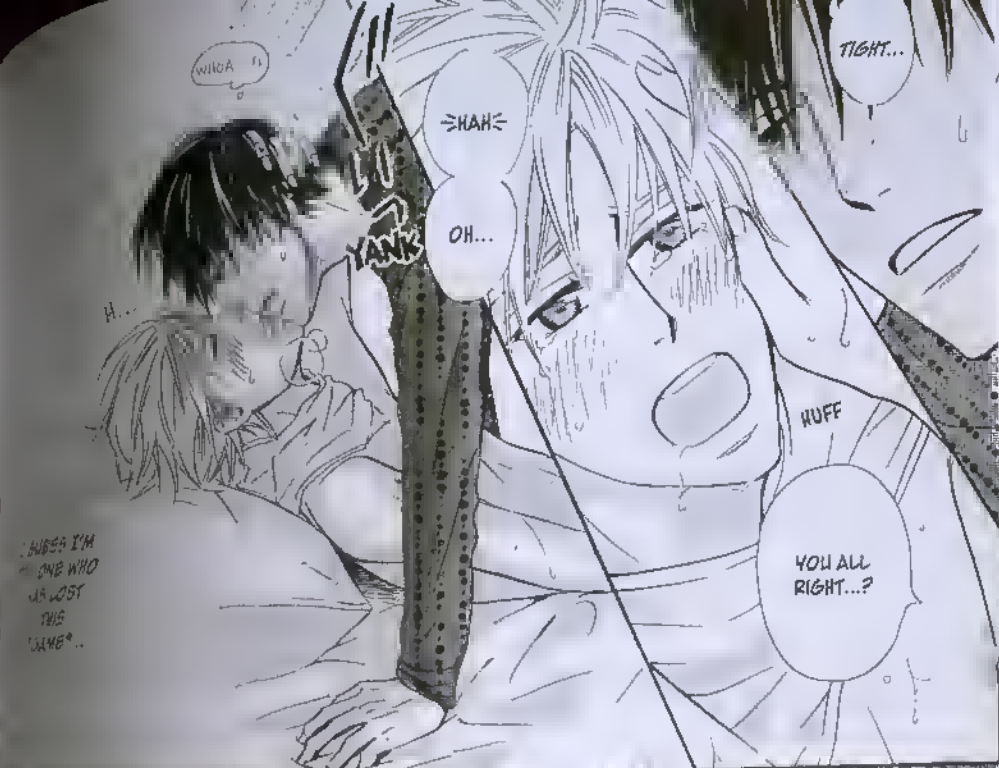
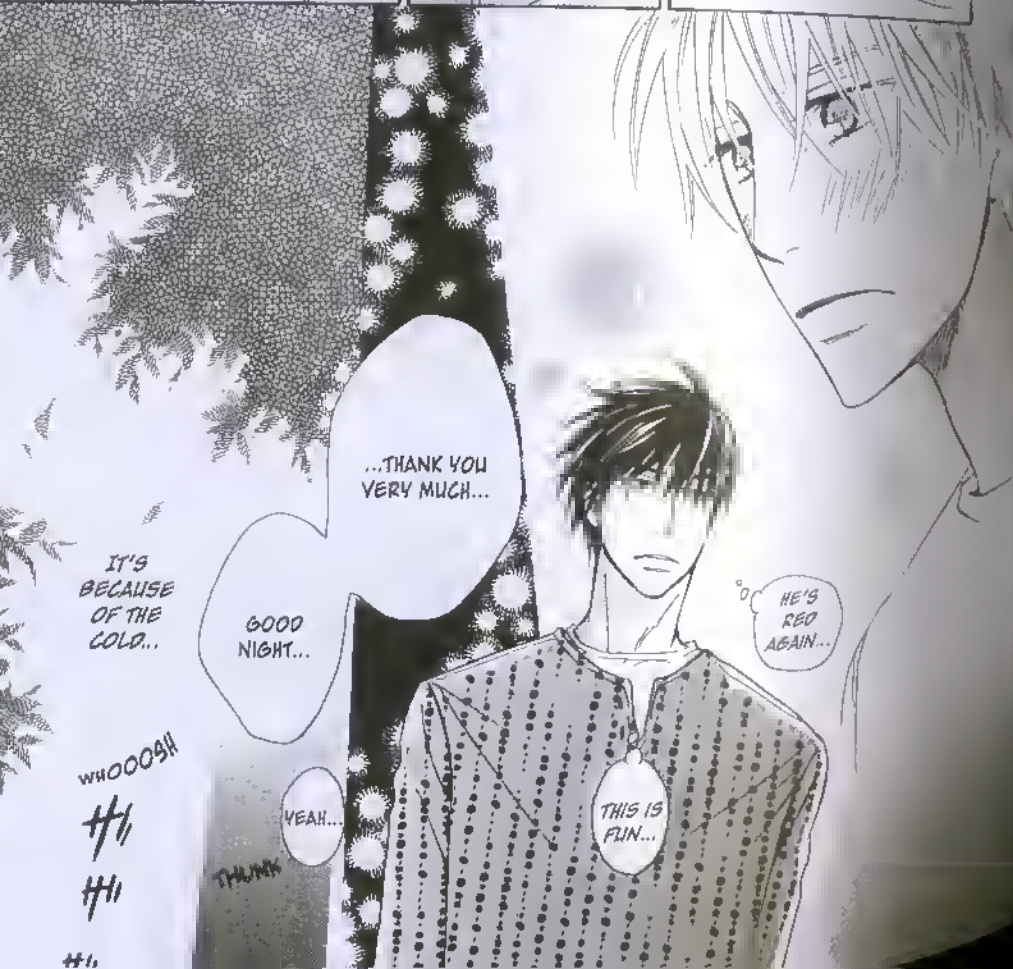
IT'S
MAKOTO...

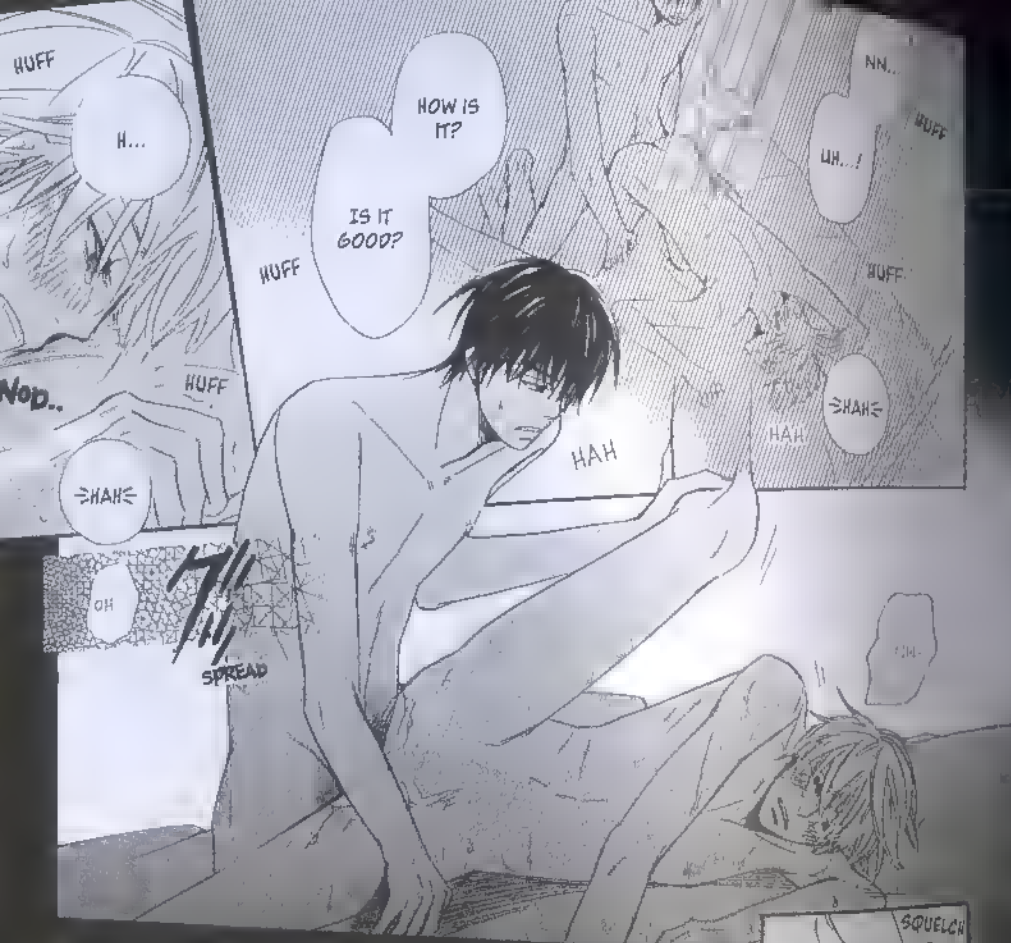
MAKOTO
GOTO...?

MAKOTO
GOTO...









HUFF

H...

HOW IS IT?

IS IT GOOD?

HUFF

NN...

HUFF

UH...

HUFF

Nop..

HUFF

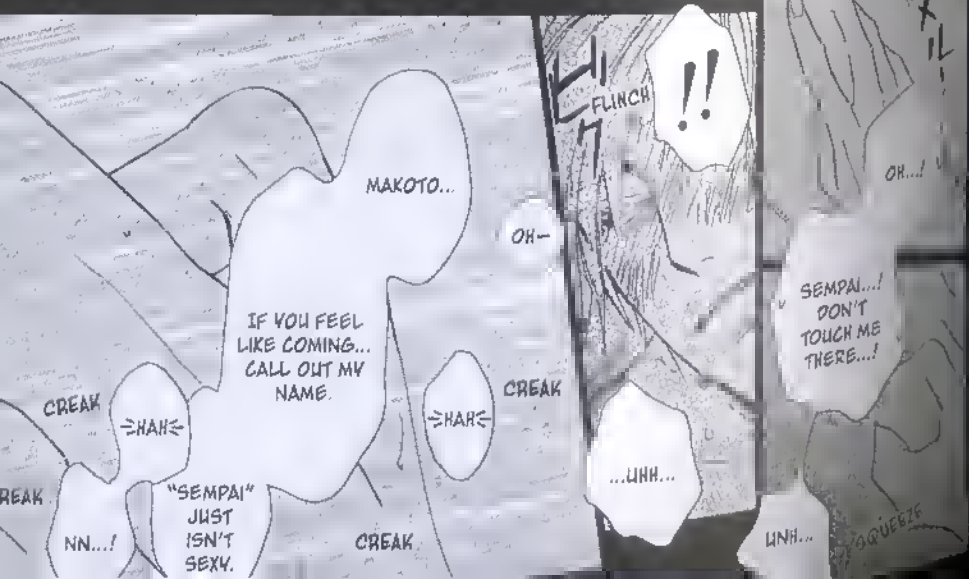
HAH

HAH

HAH

OH

SPREAD



MAKOTO...

OH-

IF YOU FEEL LIKE COMING...
CALL OUT MY NAME.

CREAK

HAH

CREAK

HAH

"SEMPAI"
JUST
ISN'T
SEXV.

CREAK

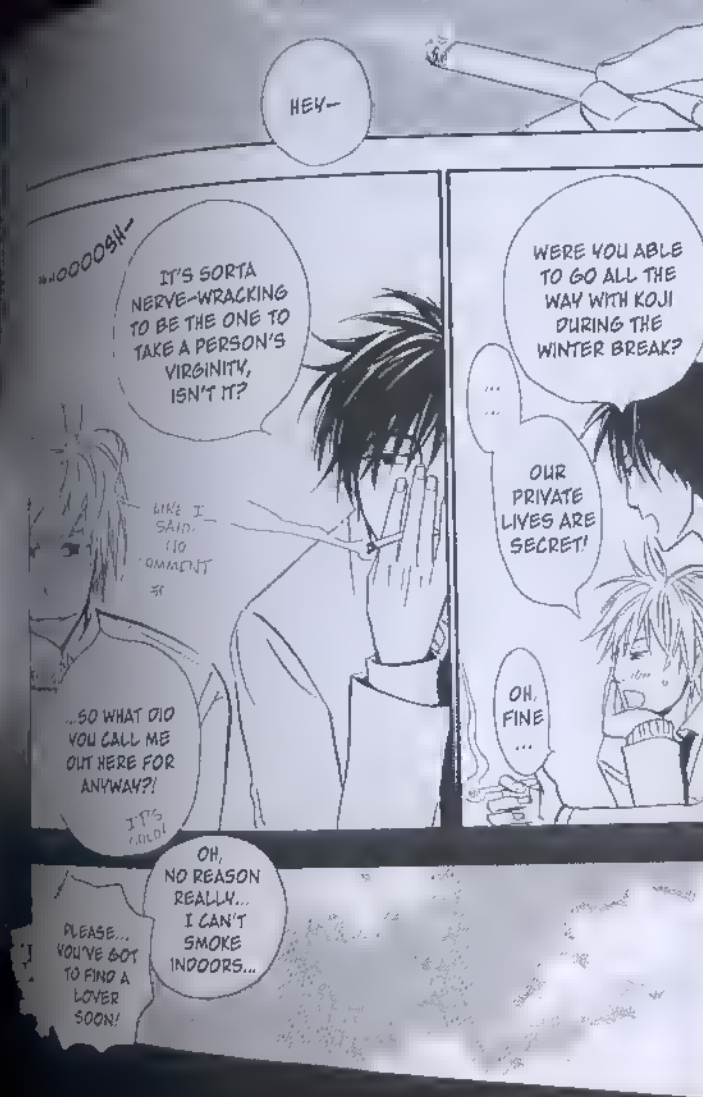
...UHH...

UHH...

OH...

SEMPAI...!
DON'T
TOUCH ME
THERE...!

SQUEEZE



HEY-

OOOOSH-

IT'S SORTA
NERVE-WRACKING
TO BE THE ONE TO
TAKE A PERSON'S
VIRGINITY,
ISN'T IT?

LIKE I
SAID.
NO
COMMENT

...SO WHAT DID
YOU CALL ME
OUT HERE FOR
ANYWAY?!

IT'S
COLD!

OH,
NO REASON
REALLY...
I CAN'T
SMOKE
INDOORS...

PLEASE...
YOU'VE GOT
TO FIND A
LOVER
SOON!

WERE YOU ABLE
TO GO ALL THE
WAY WITH KOJI
DURING THE
WINTER BREAK?

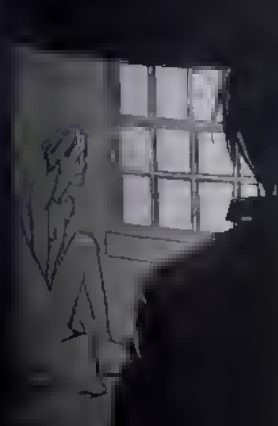
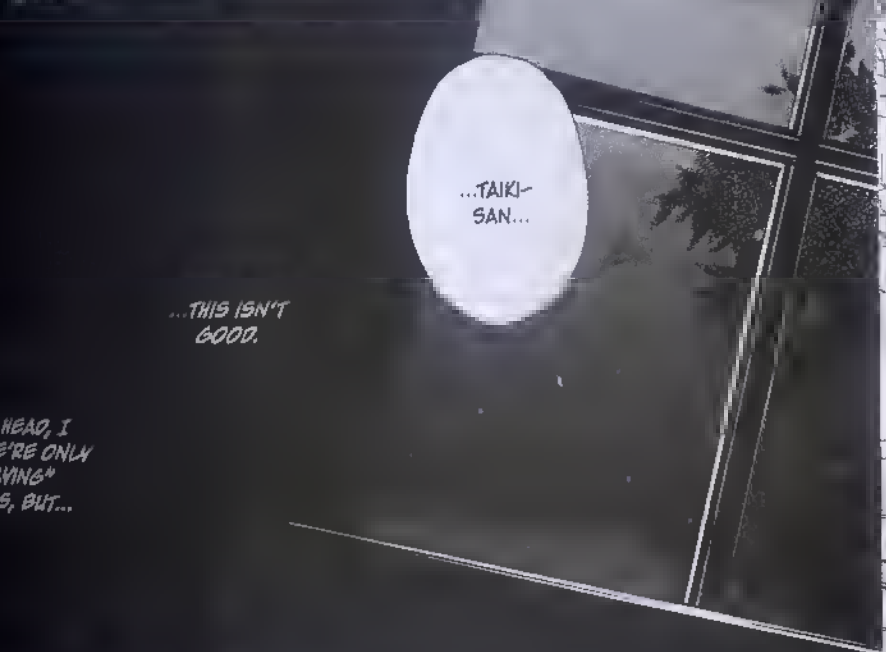
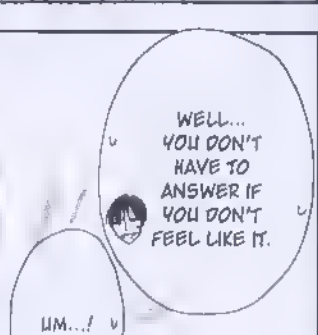
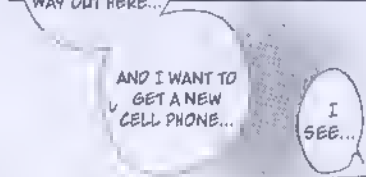
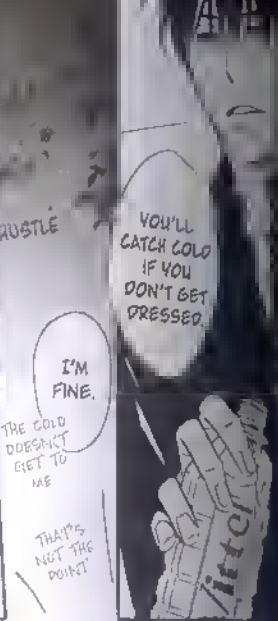
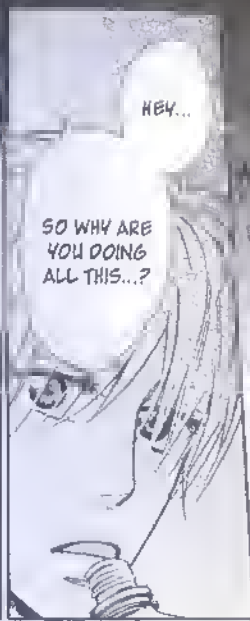
OUR
PRIVATE
LIVES ARE
SECRET!

OH,
FINE

...THAT I FEEL
THE NEED FOR
THE WARMTH OF A
HUMAN TOUCH.

WHOOSH-

BUT IF IT'S
"PLAYING LOVERS,"
THEN I'VE
ALREADY GOT ONE.



AFTER THAT,
WE ENDED UP
DOING IT FROM
MIDNIGHT
UNTIL DAWN.

WOW...
YOU SURE
SAY SOME
SURPRISING
THINGS...

HAH
HAH
BY THE END,
I WAS
ALMOST IN A
DREAM-LIKE
TRANCE...

I LOVE
YOU...

I
DO...

...AND
ONLY HIS
WHISPERINGS
REMAINED IN
MY EAR.

SEMPAI...

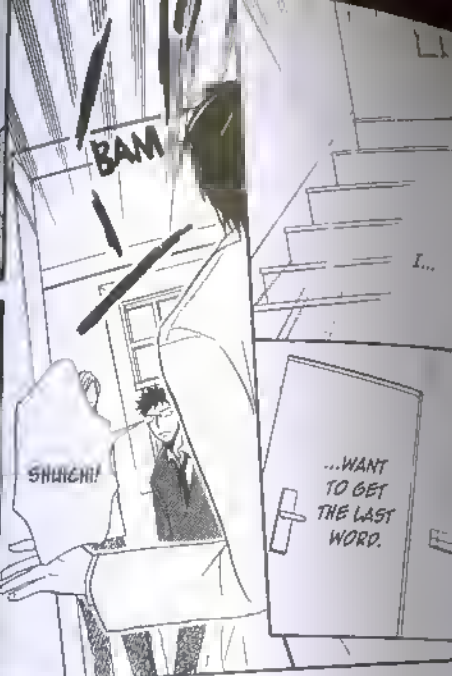
UNEXPECTED
WORDS,
SPOKEN IN THAT
LOW WHISPER
OF HIS...

CAN'T WE
DO IT...

...JUST ONE
MORE TIME...?



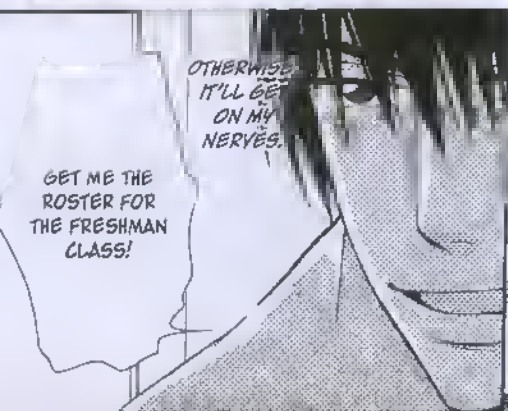
...WHAT'S UP?



BAM

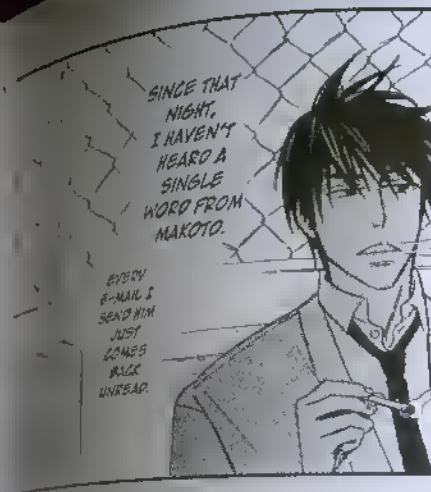
SHUHEN!

...WANT TO GET THE LAST WORD.



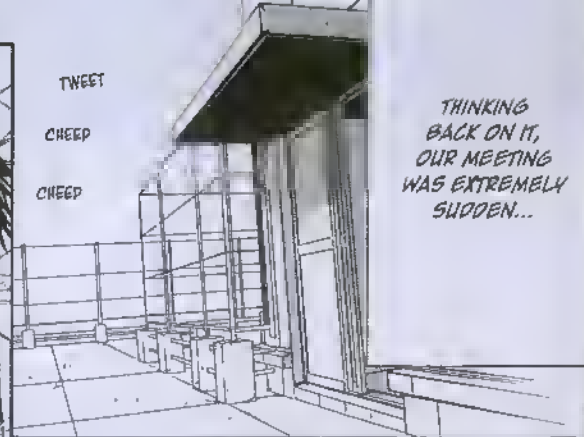
OTHERWISE IT'LL GET ON MY NERVES.

GET ME THE ROSTER FOR THE FRESHMAN CLASS!



SINCE THAT NIGHT, I HAVEN'T HEARD A SINGLE WORD FROM MAKOTO.

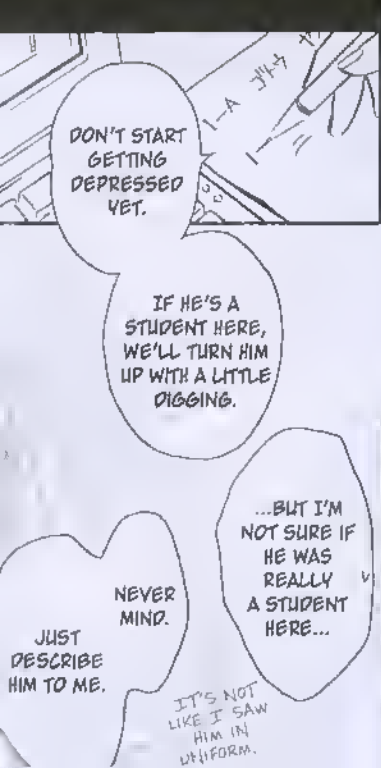
EVERY E-MAIL I SEND HIM JUST COMES BACK UNREAD.



TWEET
CHEEP
CHEEP

THINKING BACK ON IT, OUR MEETING WAS EXTREMELY SUDDEN...

CHEEP-
CHIRP
CHIRP
OUR IN-BED "LOVERS" GAME CAME TO AN ABRUPT END.



DON'T START GETTING DEPRESSED YET.

IF HE'S A STUDENT HERE, WE'LL TURN HIM UP WITH A LITTLE DIGGING.

...BUT I'M NOT SURE IF HE WAS REALLY A STUDENT HERE...

NEVER MIND.

JUST DESCRIBE HIM TO ME.

IT'S NOT LIKE I SAW HIM IN UNIFORM.



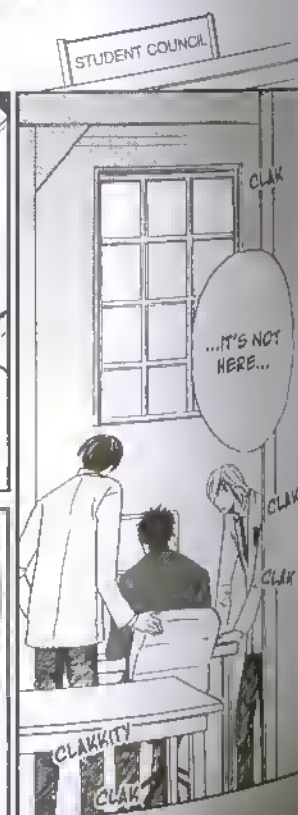
THERE ARE NO ENTRIES THAT COME UP FOR "MAKOTO GOTO"...

CLAK



COME TO THINK OF IT...

...IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE HE GAVE ME A FAKE NAME.



STUDENT COUNCIL

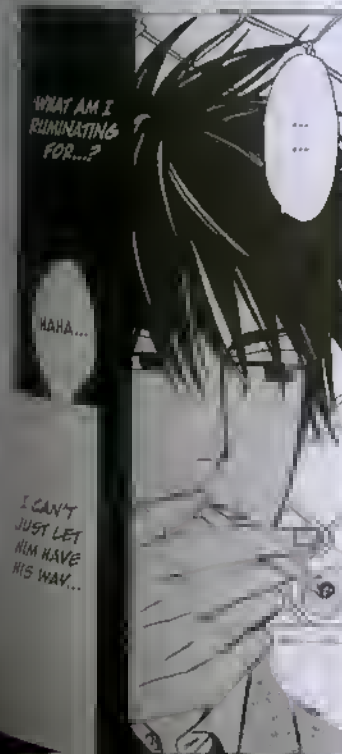
...IT'S NOT HERE...

CLAK

CLAK

CLAK

CLAKKITY
CLAK



WHAT AM I EMINATING FOR...?

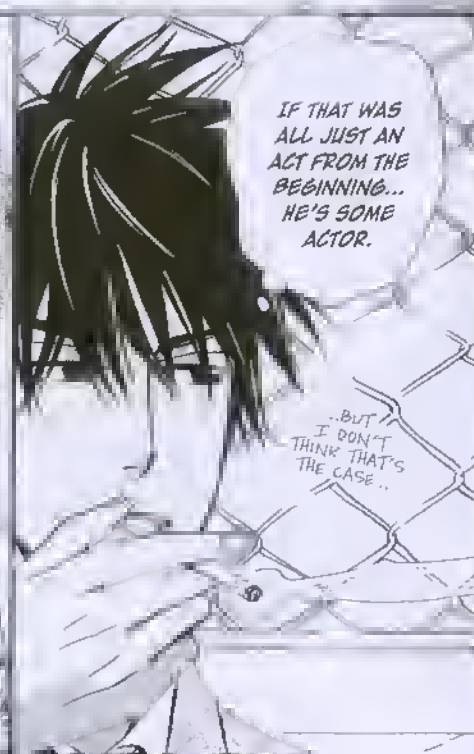
HAHA...

I CAN'T JUST LET HIM HAVE HIS WAY...



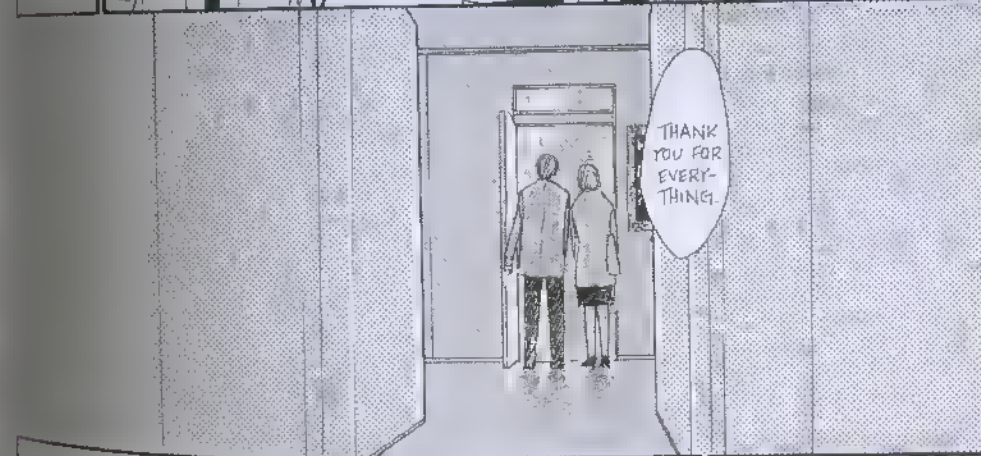
I LOVE YOU...

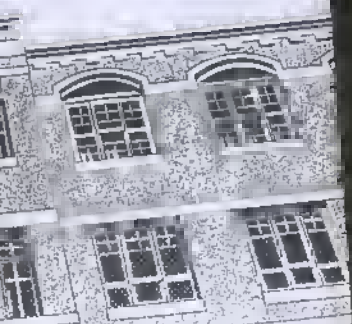
I DO...



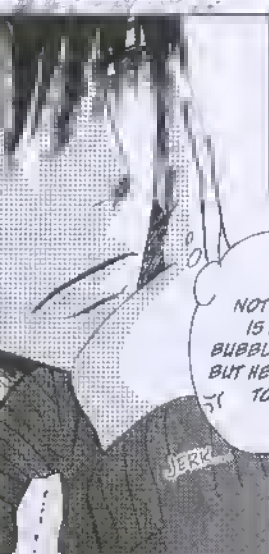
IF THAT WAS ALL JUST AN ACT FROM THE BEGINNING... HE'S SOME ACTOR.

...BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE...





A WHOLE WEEK
PASSED
WITHOUT ANY
WORD FROM
HIM...



NOT ONLY
IS HE A
BUBBLE-HEAD,
BUT HE'S COLD,
TOO...

JERR

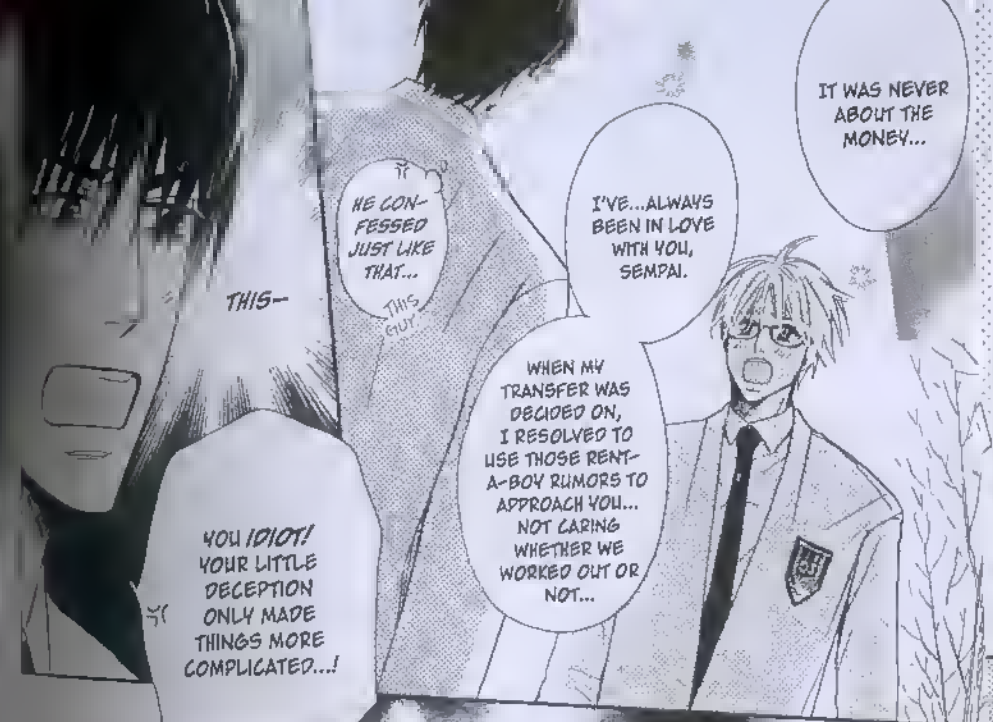
AFTER
THAT...

I HATE
LONG-DISTANCE
RELATIONSHIPS...



DON'T LIE
JUST TO
CHEER ME
UP...

DON'T WORRY,
WE'LL MEET
AGAIN.



THIS-

HE CON-
FESSED
JUST LIKE
THAT...

THIS
GUY

I'VE...ALWAYS
BEEN IN LOVE
WITH YOU,
SEMPAI.

IT WAS NEVER
ABOUT THE
MONEY...

WHEN MY
TRANSFER WAS
DECIDED ON,
I RESOLVED TO
USE THOSE RENT-
A-BOY RUMORS TO
APPROACH YOU...
NOT CARING
WHETHER WE
WORKED OUT OR
NOT...

YOU IDIOT!
YOUR LITTLE
DECEPTION
ONLY MADE
THINGS MORE
COMPLICATED...!

!! HUG

I THOUGHT IT
WAS JUST
SYMPATHY
I'D FELT FOR
HIM, BUT...

GRIP...!

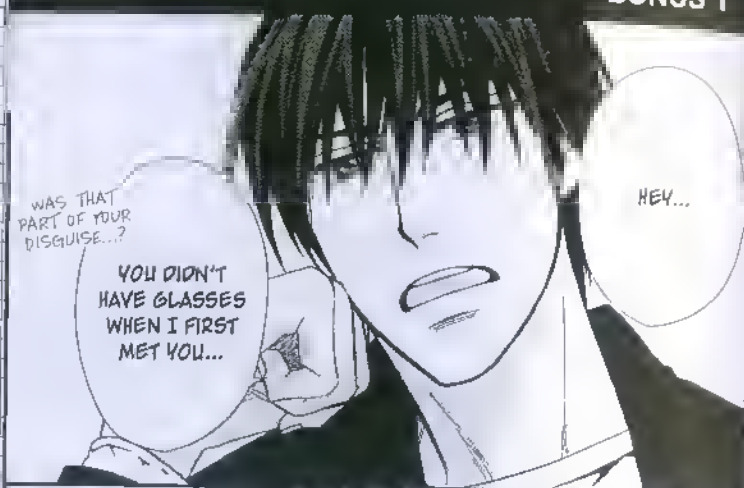
SQUEEZE

WHOA

TAKI-
SAN...

IF ONLY YOU'D
TOLD ME THAT FROM
THE BEGINNING...
WE COULD'VE HELD
EACH OTHER
DIFFERENTLY.

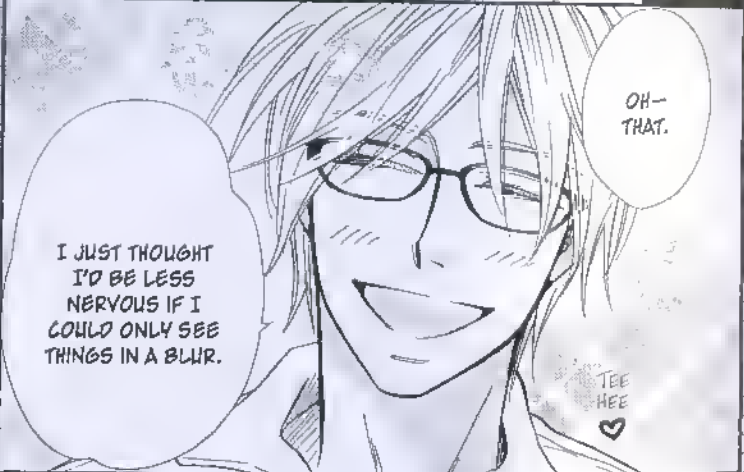
BONUS 1



WAS THAT
PART OF YOUR
DISGUISE...?

YOU DIDN'T
HAVE GLASSES
WHEN I FIRST
MET YOU...

HEY...



I JUST THOUGHT
I'D BE LESS
NERVOUS IF I
COULD ONLY SEE
THINGS IN A BLUR.

OH—
THAT.

TEE
HEE
♡



LIKE I WAS
IN A DREAM!
♡

SO
HAZY...

HE
HE
♡

SO HOW
WAS IT?

I SEE...

HE'S SO
CUTE...

...AND?

0.08 VISION

TO BE CONTINUED...



LIKE I
MEANT TO
TELL YOU—

HA
HA
HA

I
TRANSFERRED,
NOT JUST TO A
PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEARBY.

I FAMILY'S
FINANCIAL
SITUATION
WORSENING
AFTER MY
DAD
CHANGED
JOBS

ORIGINALLY
A LOCAL
KID, ANYWAY

WHAT
THE—?!
YOU—

?!

SEMPAI!

HEEY-



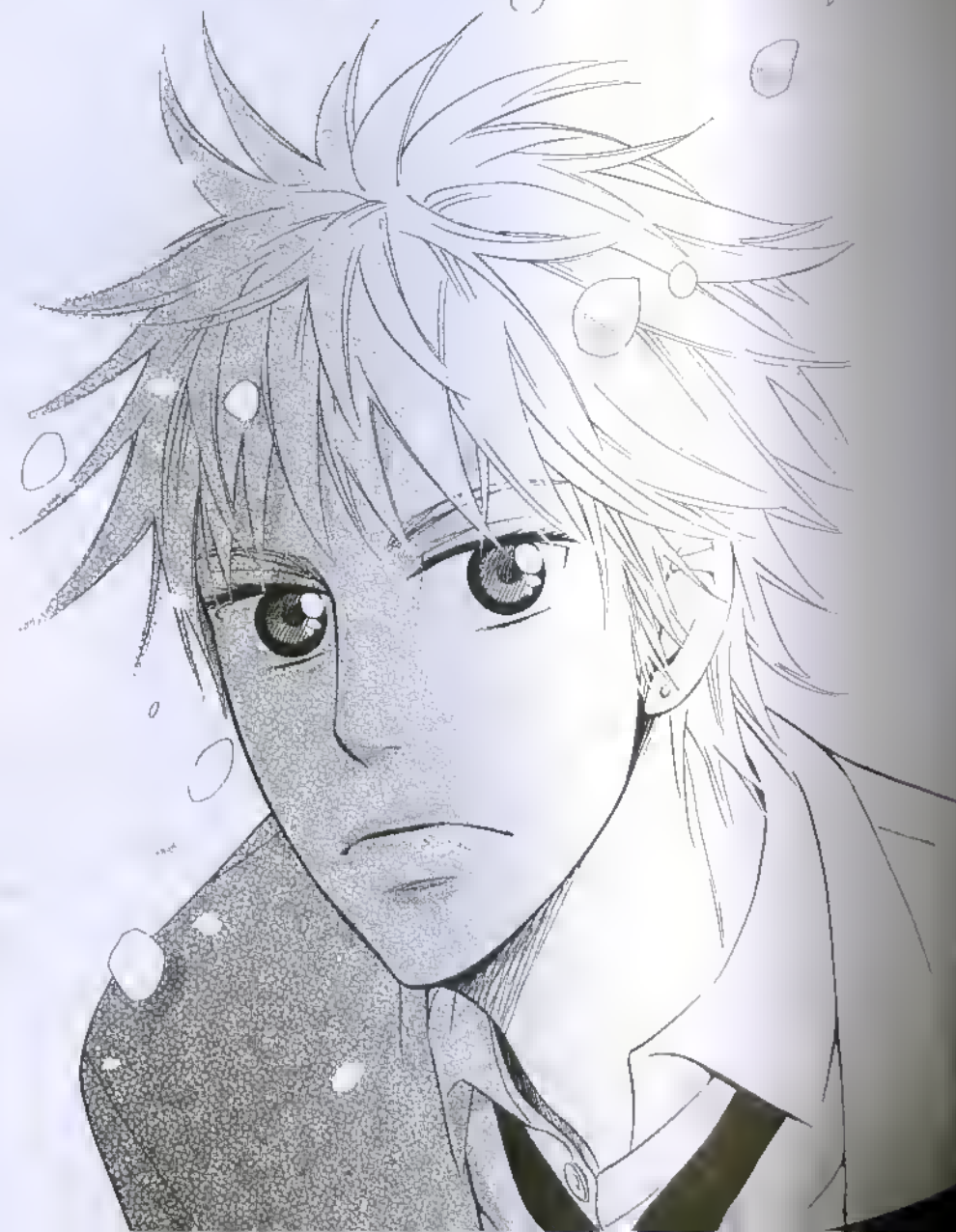
WHA...

YOU'VE GOTTA
BE KIDDING ME!
GET UP HERE—
NOW!

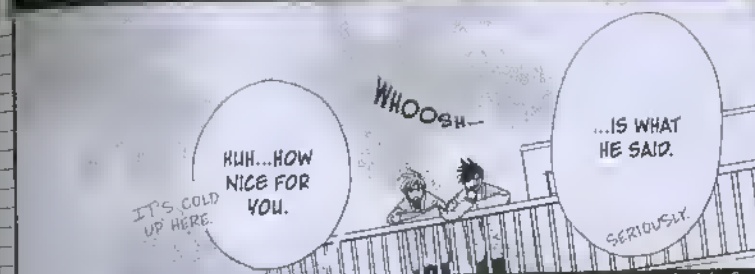
LOVE TRAINING
LESSON 3 ● END

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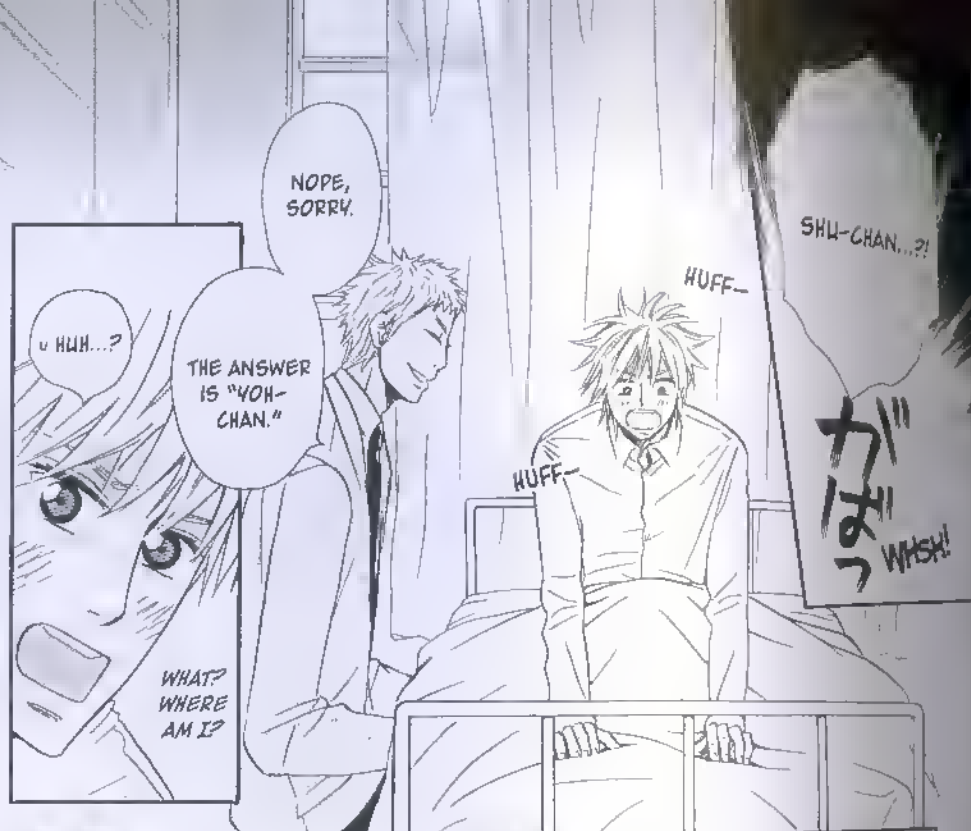
ITS SPRING



BONUS 1 (CONTINUED)



END



U HUH...?

NOPE,
SORRY.

THE ANSWER
IS "YOH-
CHAN."

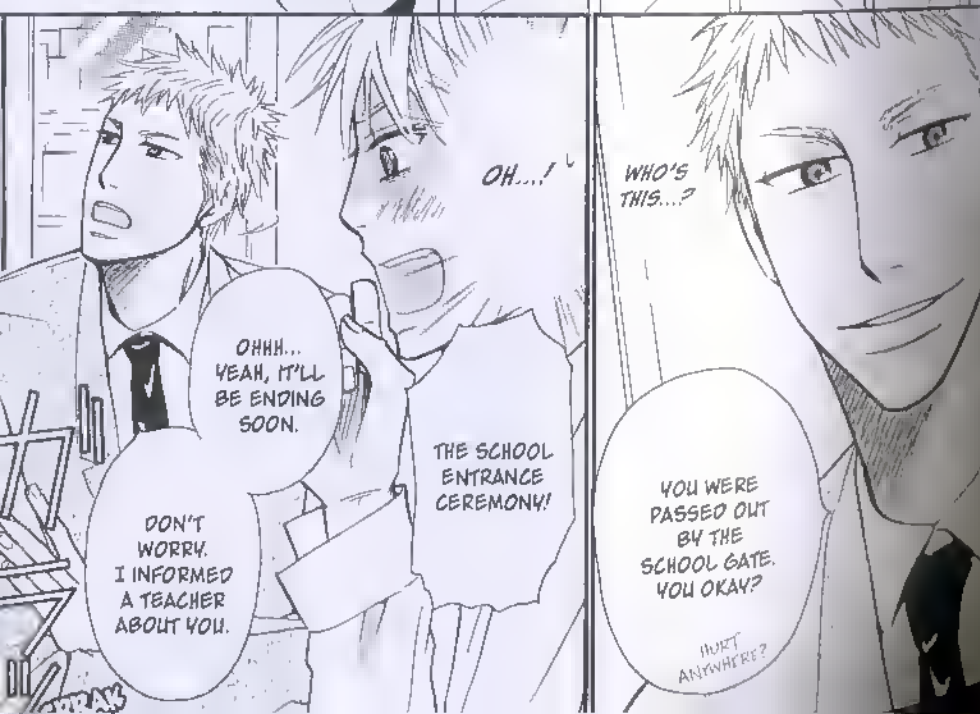
WHAT?
WHERE
AM I?

HUFF--

HUFF--

SHU-CHAN...?!

WHSH!



OH...!

WHO'S
THIS...?

OH...
YEAH, I'LL
BE ENDING
SOON.

THE SCHOOL
ENTRANCE
CEREMONY!

DON'T
WORRY.
I INFORMED
A TEACHER
ABOUT YOU.

YOU WERE
PASSED OUT
BY THE
SCHOOL GATE.
YOU OKAY?

HURT
ANYWHERE?



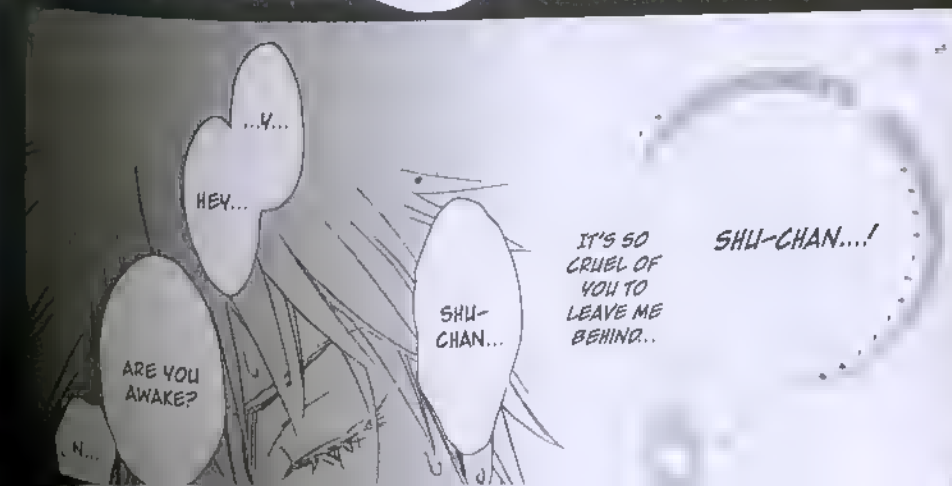
ETA...

THIS IS
SOMETHING
I DECIDED FOR
MYSELF.

SO
PLEASE...

DON'T BE A
BABY...

NO, I DON'T
WANT YOU TO
GO...!



...V...

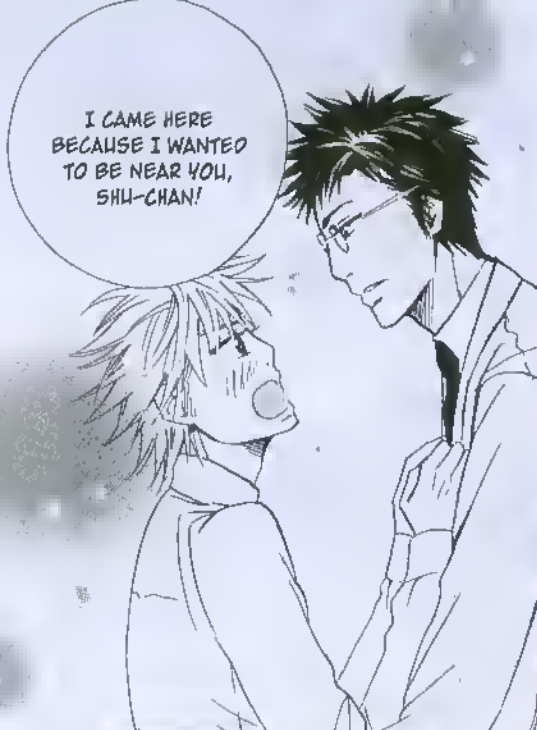
HEV...

ARE YOU
AWAKE?

SHU-
CHAN...

IT'S SO
CRUEL OF
YOU TO
LEAVE ME
BEHIND...

SHU-CHAN...!



I CAME HERE
BECAUSE I WANTED
TO BE NEAR YOU,
SHU-CHAN!



SHU-CHAN...



HEY,
ETA...?



SHU-CHAN!



HEY-
DON'T SAY IT
LIKE THAT.

OH...
SO HE'S YOUR
LITTLE PIECE,
THEN, HUH
SHIGYO?



KAMIYAMA!
SORRY, BUT
LOOK AFTER
ETA FOR ME.

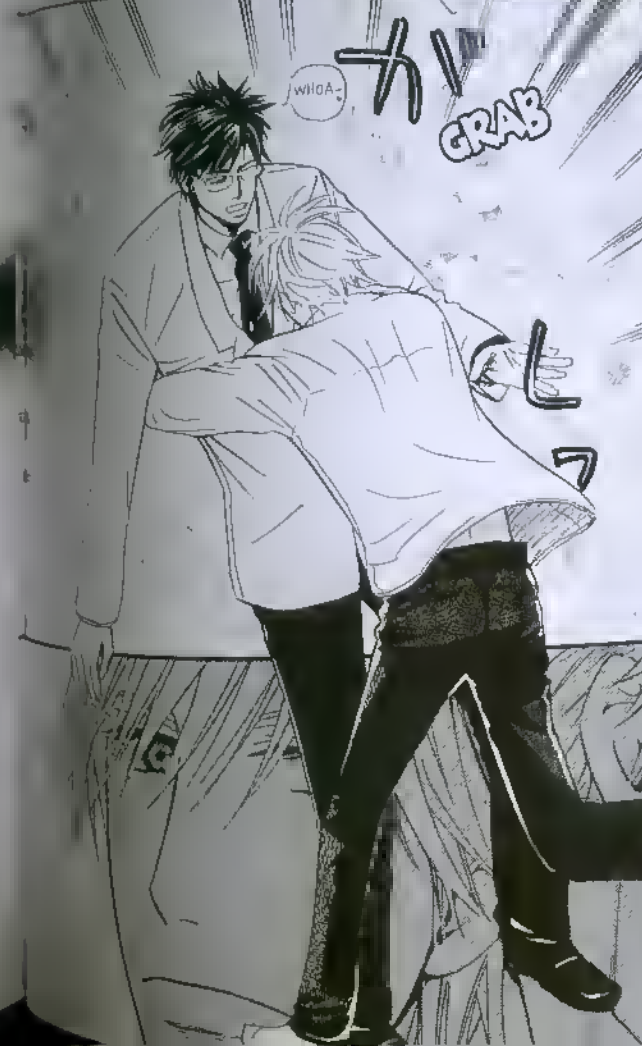
ETA, YOU'VE
GOT DORM
ORIENTATION
AFTER THIS,
DON'T YOU?

SHU-
CHAN!



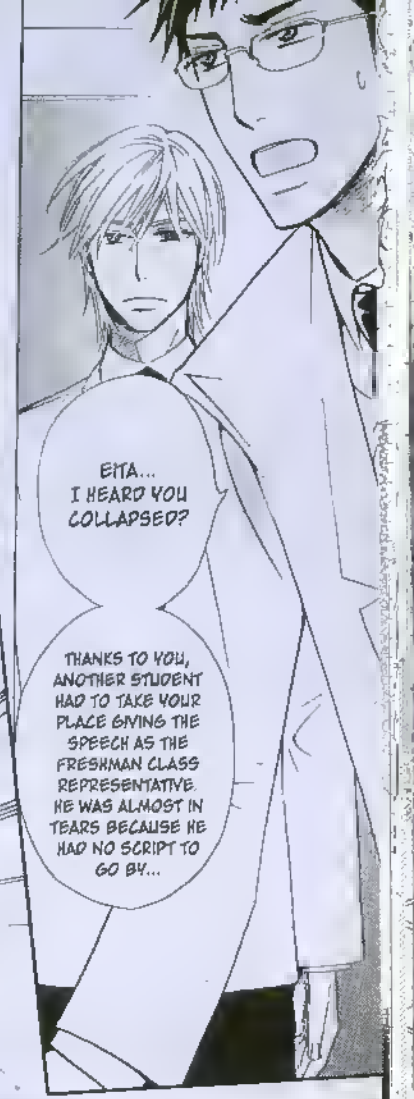
OH...

HEY...
RYO...!



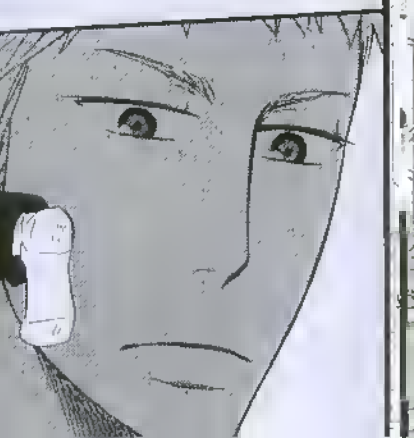
WHOA

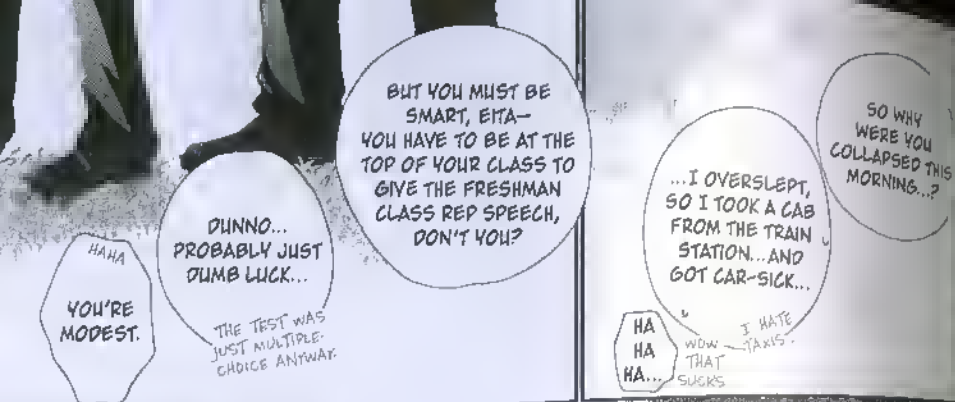
GRAB

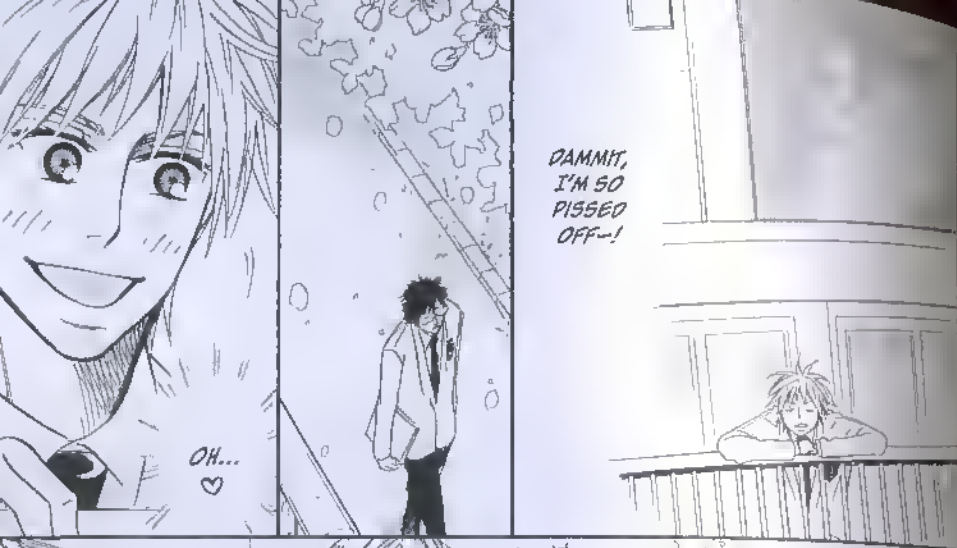


ETA...
I HEARD YOU
COLLAPSED?

THANKS TO YOU,
ANOTHER STUDENT
HAD TO TAKE YOUR
PLACE GIVING THE
SPEECH AS THE
FRESHMAN CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE.
HE WAS ALMOST IN
TEARS BECAUSE HE
HAD NO SCRIPT TO
GO BY...







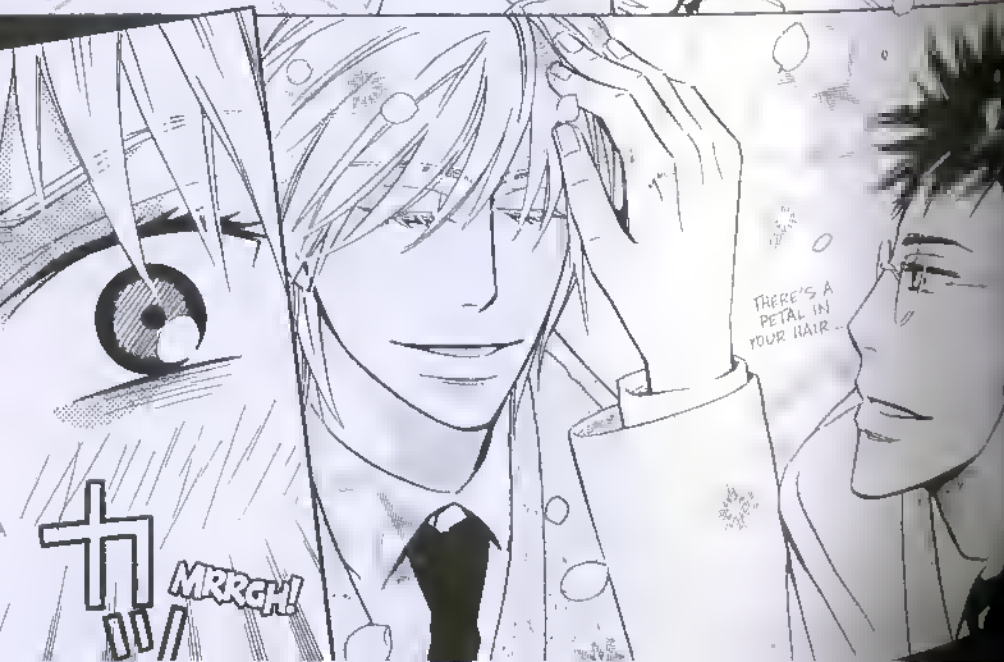
DAMMIT,
I'M SO
PISSSED
OFF--!

OH...
♡



WHAT
THE...?!

!!



THERE'S A
PETAL IN
YOUR HAIR...

MRRGH!
!!



THAT'S NOT
WHAT I WANTED
TO KNOW.

HE WAS SHU'S
ROOMMATE
DURING JR. HIGH.

HUH?!

ROOMMATE

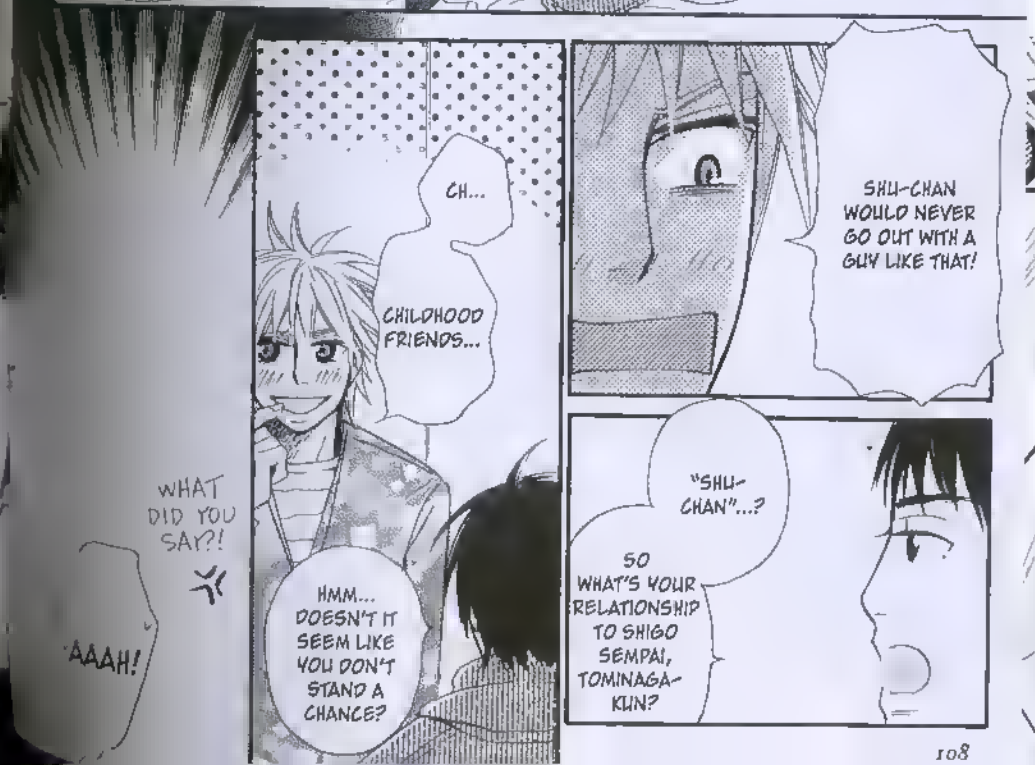
OH--
YOU MEAN RYO
SEMPAI?

HE MAKES A
GOOD COUPLE
WITH SHIGYO
SEMPAI,
DOESN'T HE?

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?!

I MEAN THEY SEEM
LIKE THEY MAKE A
GOOD COUPLE,
BUT I DON'T KNOW
WHETHER THEY'RE
REALLY SEEING EACH
OTHER OR NOT.

"A GOOD
COUPLE"?



CH...

CHILDHOOD
FRIENDS...

SHU-CHAN
WOULD NEVER
GO OUT WITH A
GUY LIKE THAT!

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?!

AAAH!

HMM...
DOESN'T IT
SEEM LIKE
YOU DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE?

"SHU-
CHAN"...?

SO
WHAT'S YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
TO SHIGO
SEMPAI,
TOMINAGA-
KUN?



EITA?!

HEY...

EITA!

SAY
SOMETHING!

JUST WHO
ARE YOU TO
SHU-CHAN?!

I WON'T
HAVE IT!

I DON'T KNOW
IF YOU'RE HIS
ROOMMATE OR
WHAT, BUT—



HUH!



HEY...

WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
YOU...?

OH NO...

WHAT AM I
DOING IN
FRONT OF
SHU-
CHAN...?

YOU'RE NOT
MAKING ANY
SENSE AT
ALL...

...G...

I'M SO
SORRY...

WHEN I SAW
YOU TWO
ACTING SO
CLOSE, I—
...UM...

-THUMP



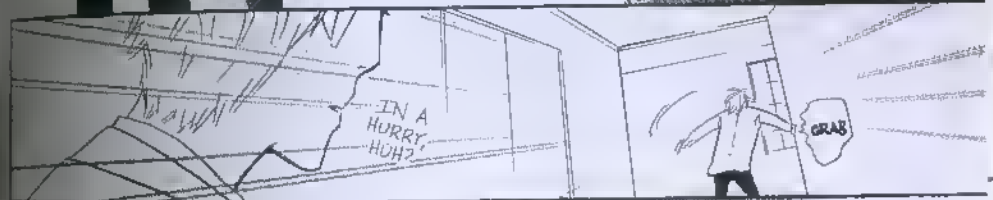
HEY, EITA—
WHAT'S
WRONG?

DAMMIT...

DAMMIT...

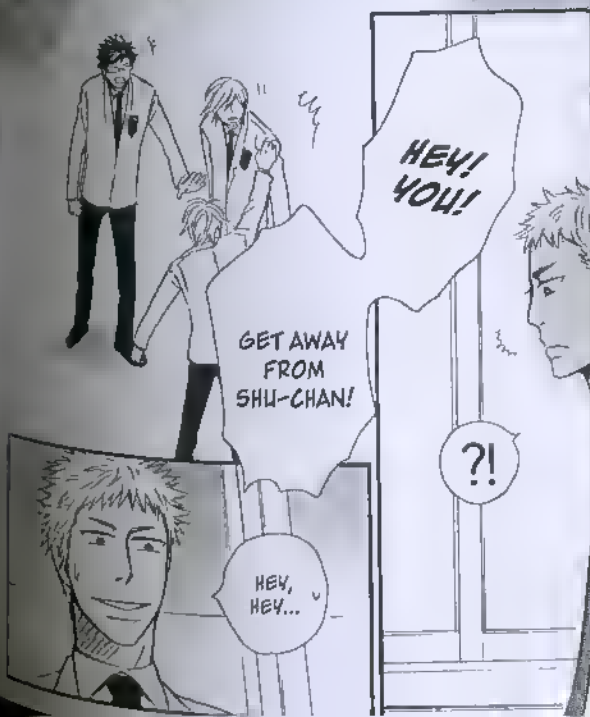
DAMMIT...

WHOOOSH!



IN A
HURRY
HUH?

GRAB



HEY!
YOU!

GET AWAY
FROM
SHU-CHAN!

?!

HEY,
HEY...

SHU-CHAN
IS MINE!!!

I FEEL SO
EMPTY...

SO DOES THIS MEAN
SHU-CHAN HAS NO
INTENTION OF BEING
HONEST TO MY FACE...?

I HATE
UNCERTAINTIES....!

...BUT EVEN
MORE PISSED
OFF...!

IF I SAID SOMETHING
LIKE THAT TO HIM, HE'D
JUST BE ANNOYED...
(ACTUALLY, I'M SURE
HE'S ANNOYED WITH
ME ENOUGH ALREADY.)

I KNOW,
BUT...

I CAN'T BE SATISFIED
UNTIL HE MAKES
THINGS ABSOLUTELY
CLEAR!

...
...
DROOP...

HUSH-

AND TO BE
HONEST,
I'M ALSO
A LITTLE
SCARED...

DON'T
TELL ME--
TELL
SHIGYO.

...
...

IT'S
JUST...
UH...

YOU TWO
LOOKED LIKE
LOVERS
AND...WELL--

SO ARE
YOU TWO
GOING OUT
TOGETHER?!

BA-THUMP

!!!
#

BA-THUMP

!!!
#

TONGUE-
TIED

GLANCE...

WE'RE
CLOSE
FRIENDS.

WHAT'S WITH
THAT?!

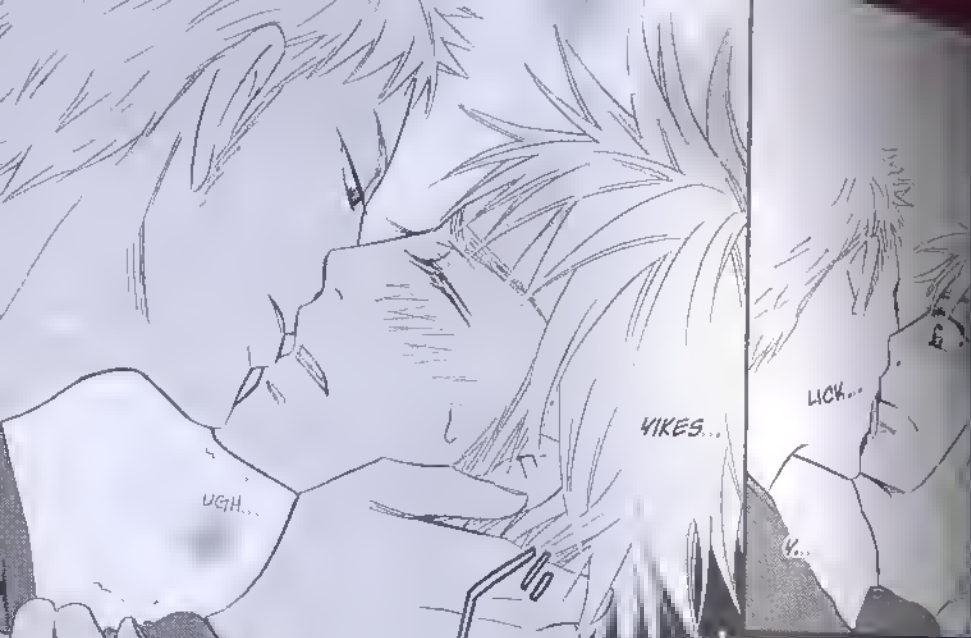
THAT'S NO
ANSWER!

DING-
DONG-

DING -
DONG -

THAT'S
THE FIRST
BELL...
5TH PERIOD
WILL BE
STARTING.

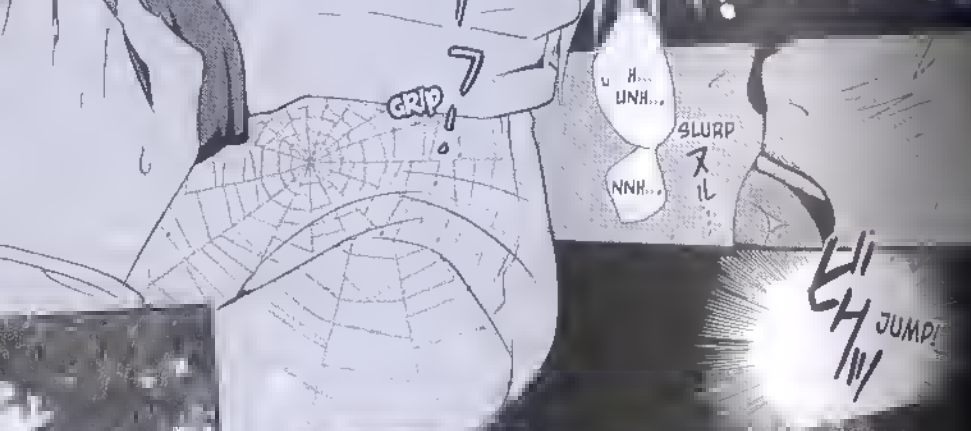
WHA...



UGH...

VIKES...

LICK...



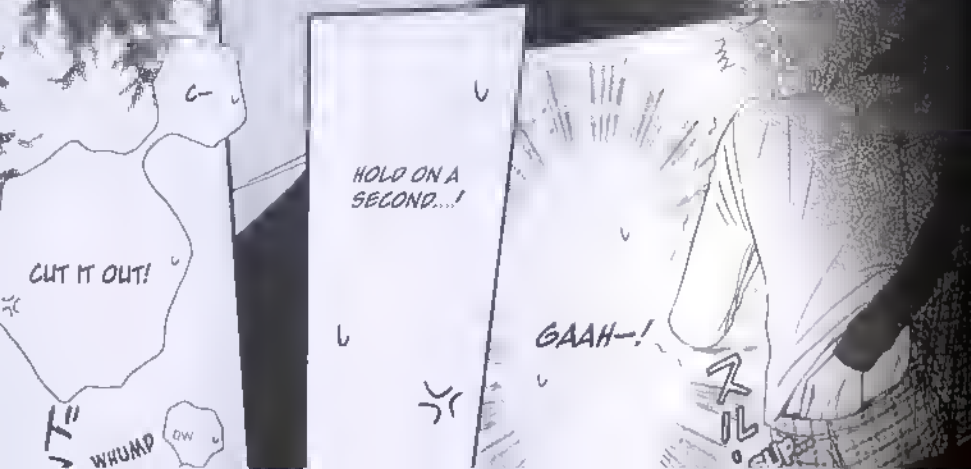
GRIP!

H... UNH...

SLURP

NNH...

JUMP!



HOLD ON A SECOND....!

GAAH-!

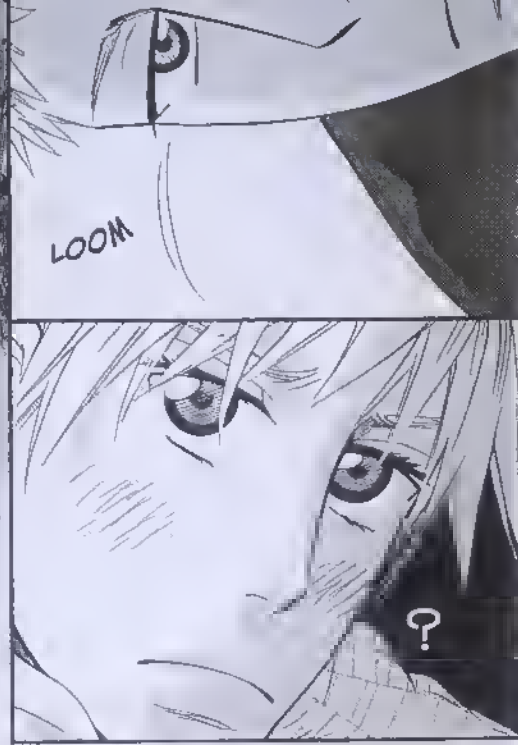
CUT IT OUT!

WHUMP



KISS

?!



LOOM

?



WHA...

WHAT THE...!

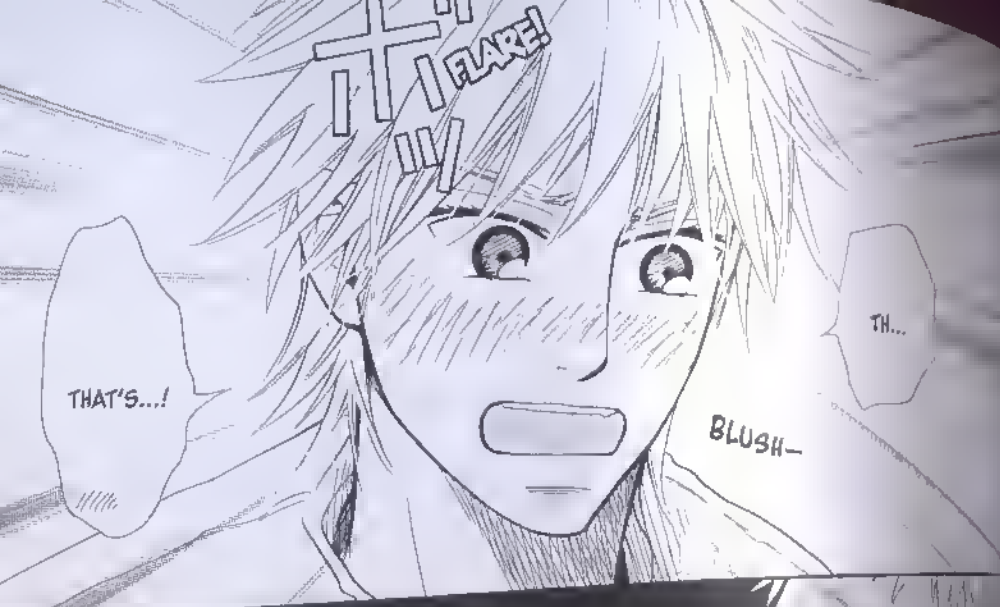
IF YOU MAKE TOO MUCH NOISE, SOMEONE WILL HEAR US.

MGGH!

OF COURSE I WASN'T...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE CRYING.

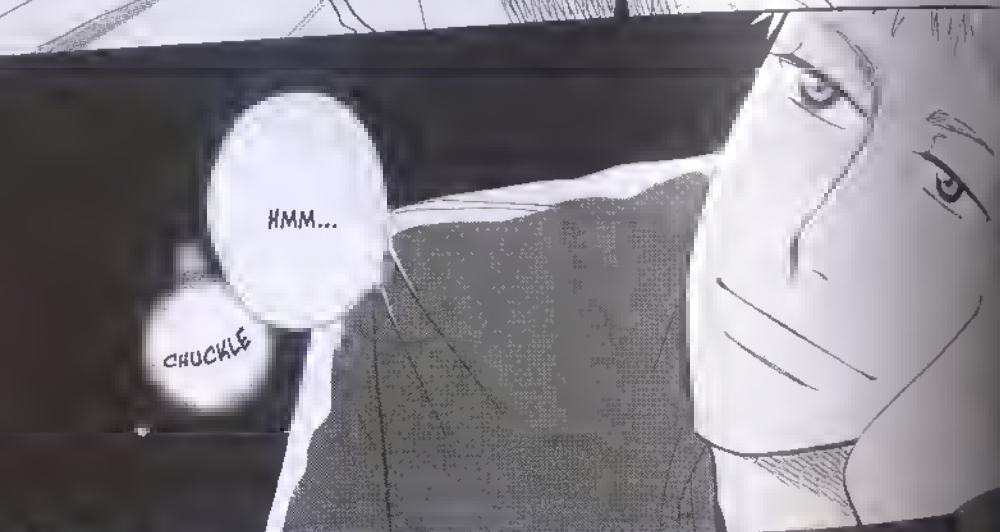
Amn, TOO BAD



THAT'S...!

BLUSH-

TH...

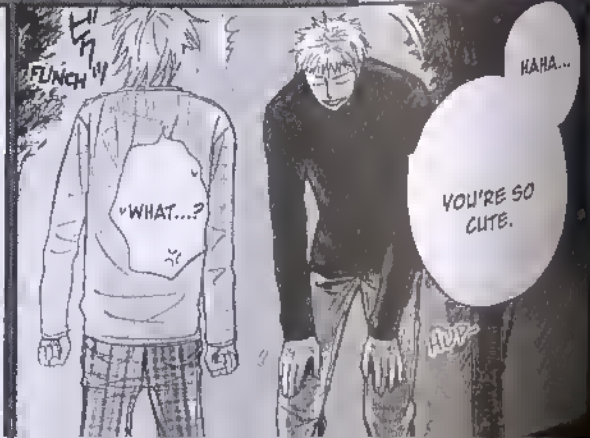


HMM...

CHUCKLE



THEN HERE'S A
WORD OF ADVICE
FOR MY CUTE LITTLE
UNDERCLASSMAN-



FUNCH

WHAT...?

HAHA...

YOU'RE SO
CUTE.

POP



COME
ON...

YOU CALL ME
OUT TO A PLACE
LIKE THIS AT THIS
TIME OF NIGHT,
AND THAT'S YOUR
ATTITUDE?

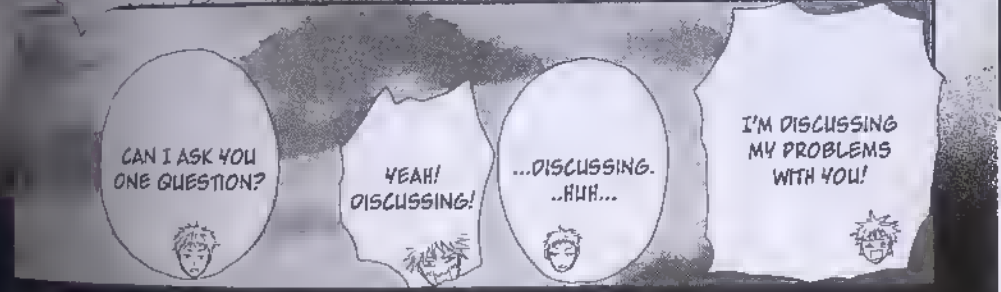
QUIT
SETTING
THE WRONG
IDEA!

YOU'D BETTER
STOP KIDDING
AROUND... X

HAH

Y-Y-
Y-Y...

RUB
RUB

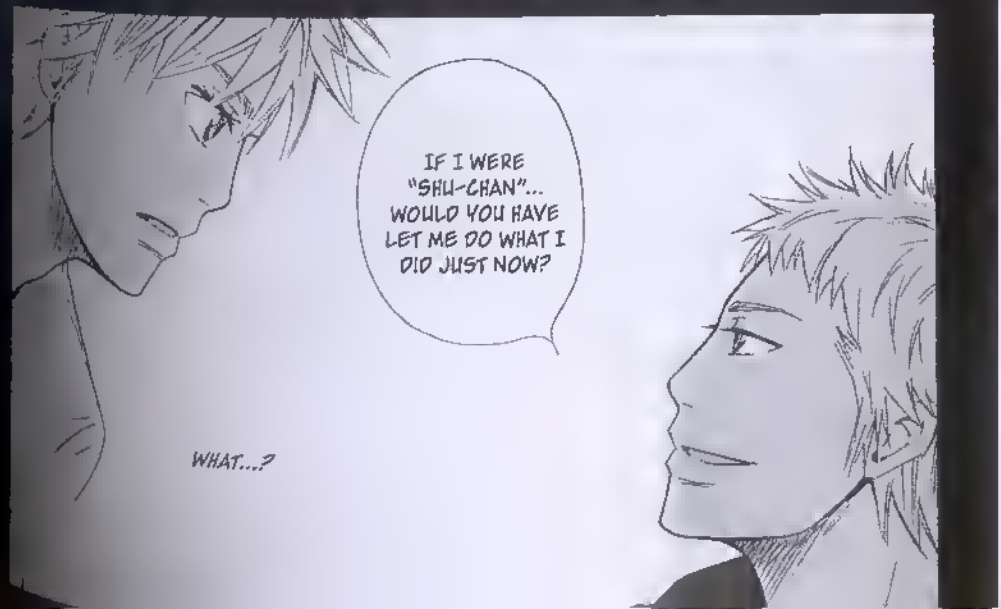


CAN I ASK YOU
ONE QUESTION?

YEAH!
DISCUSSING!

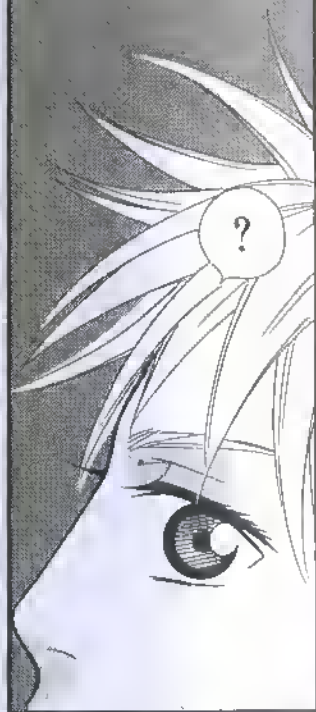
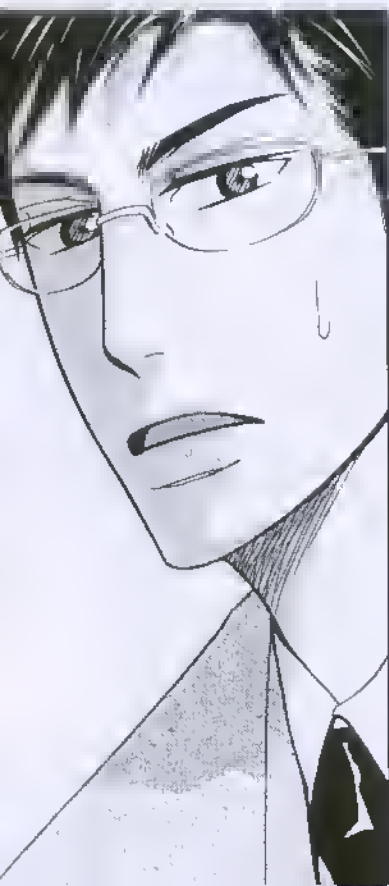
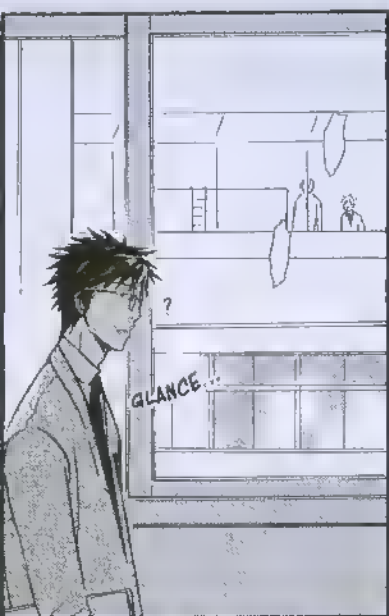
...DISCUSSING.
...HMM...

I'M DISCUSSING
MY PROBLEMS
WITH YOU!



IF I WERE
"SHU-CHAN"...
WOULD YOU HAVE
LET ME DO WHAT I
DID JUST NOW?

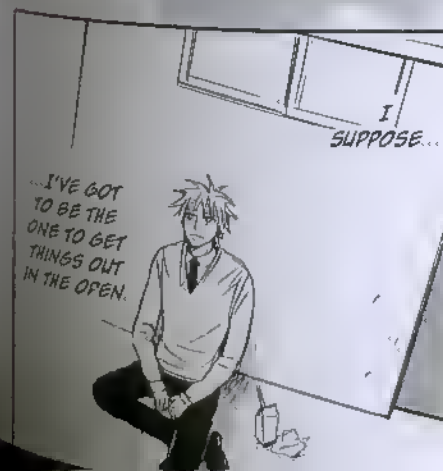
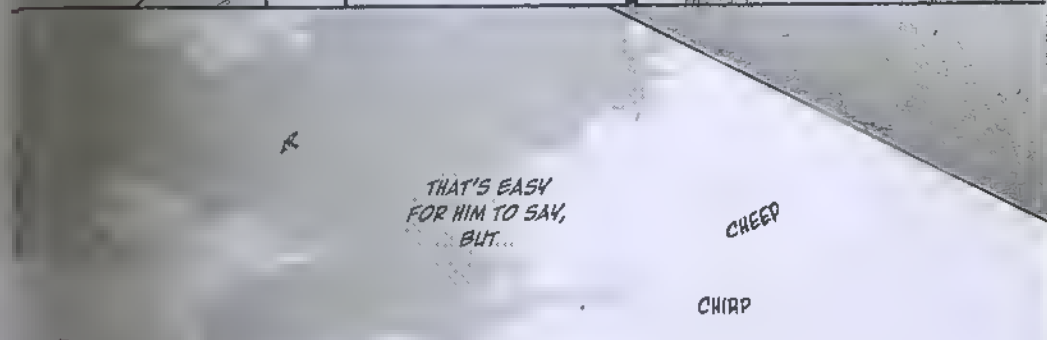
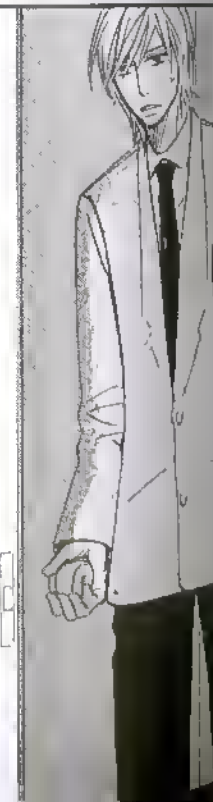
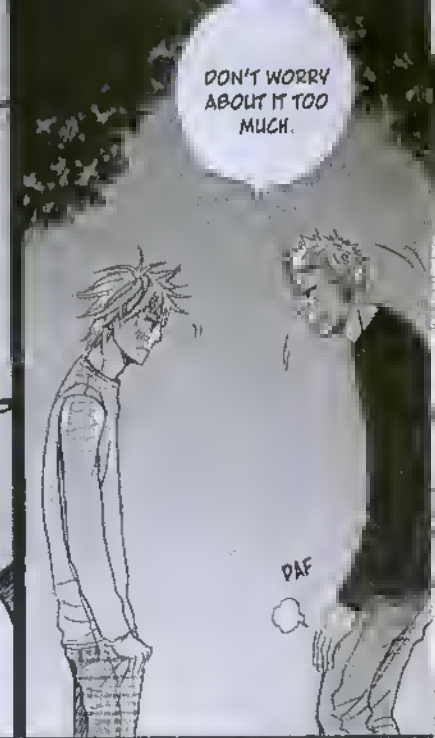
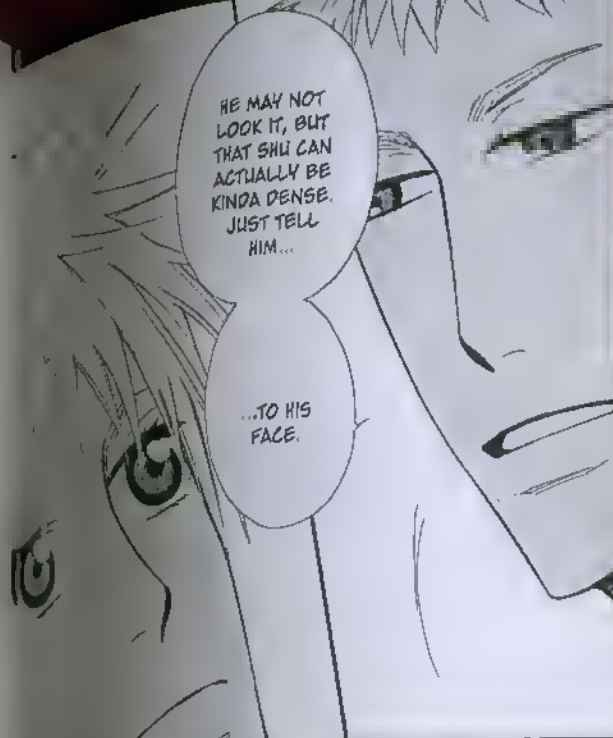
WHAT...?

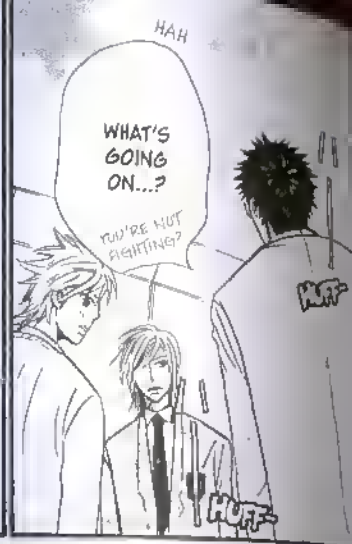
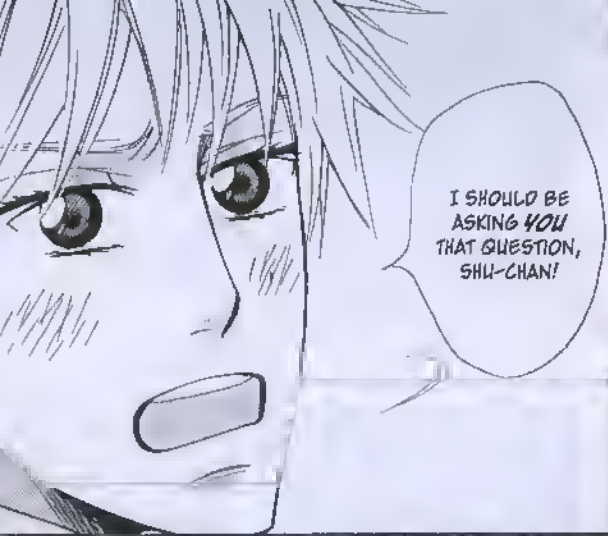


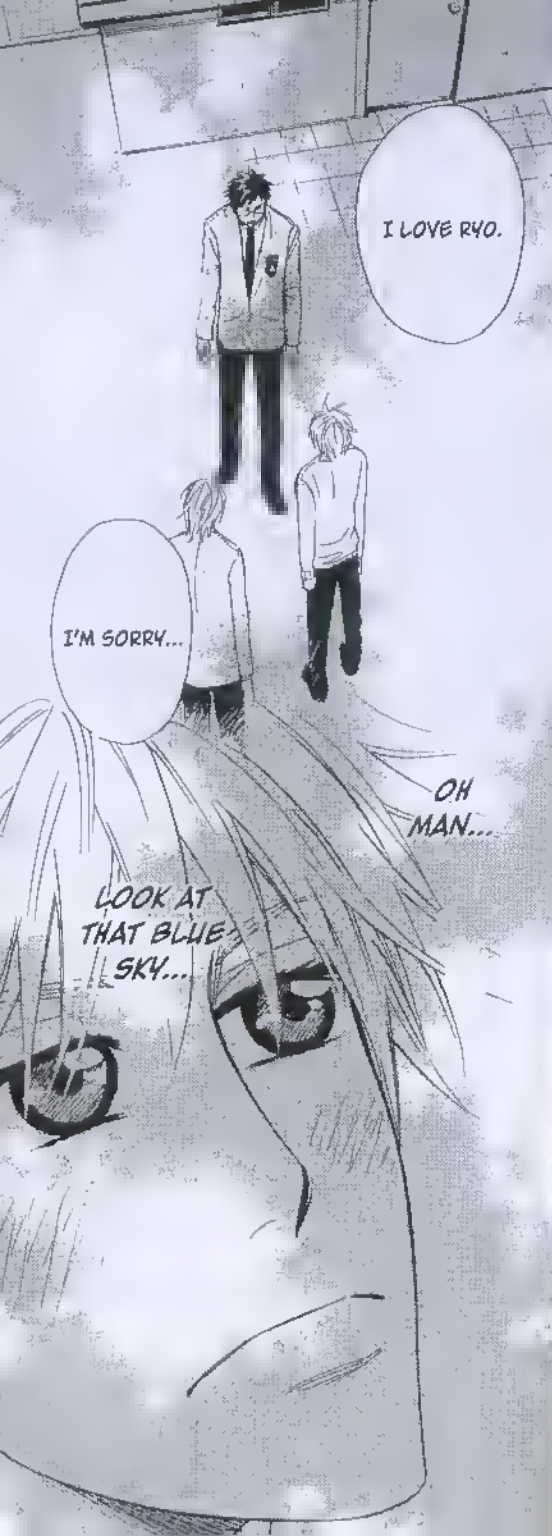
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST COME OUT WITH IT AND TELL HIM STRAIGHT. "I LOVE YOU!"

KEHA...

OH...





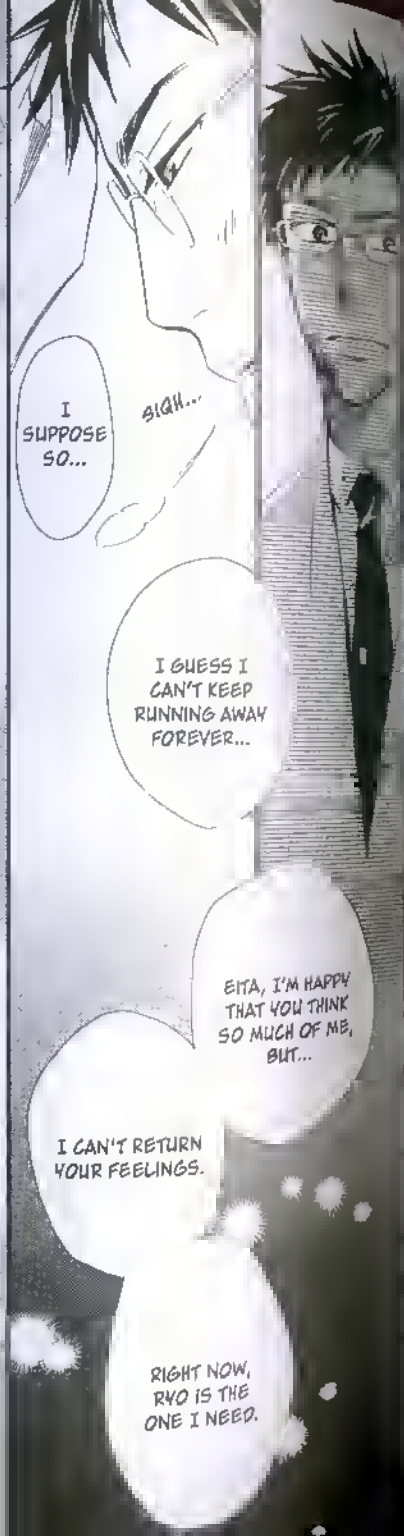


I LOVE RYO.

I'M SORRY...

OH
MAN...

LOOK AT
THAT BLUE
SKY...



I
SUPPOSE
SO...

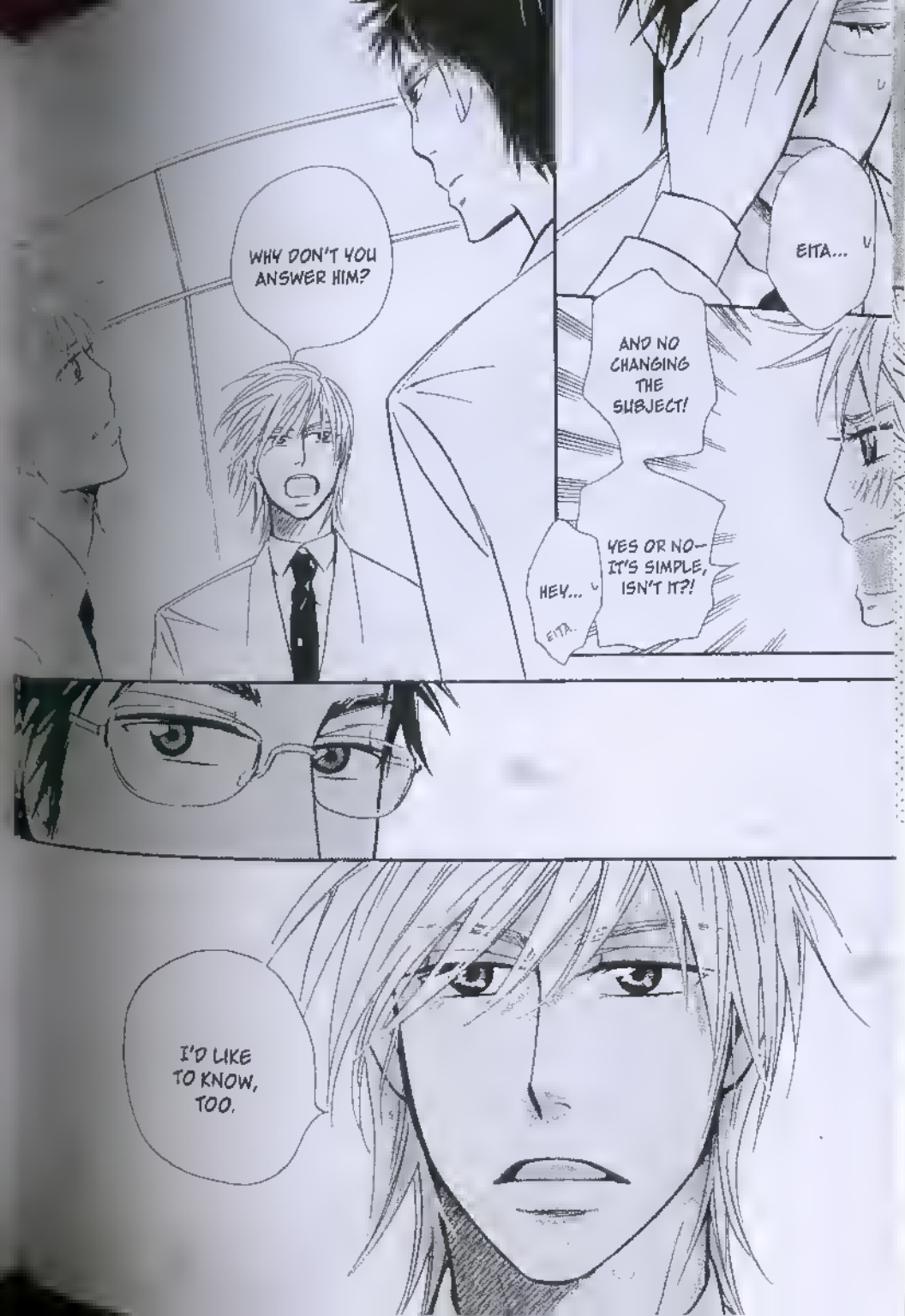
SIGH...

I GUESS I
CAN'T KEEP
RUNNING AWAY
FOREVER...

EITA, I'M HAPPY
THAT YOU THINK
SO MUCH OF ME,
BUT...

I CAN'T RETURN
YOUR FEELINGS.

RIGHT NOW,
RYO IS THE
ONE I NEED.



WHY DON'T YOU
ANSWER HIM?

EITA...

AND NO
CHANGING
THE
SUBJECT!

YES OR NO—
IT'S SIMPLE,
ISN'T IT?!

HEY...

EITA.

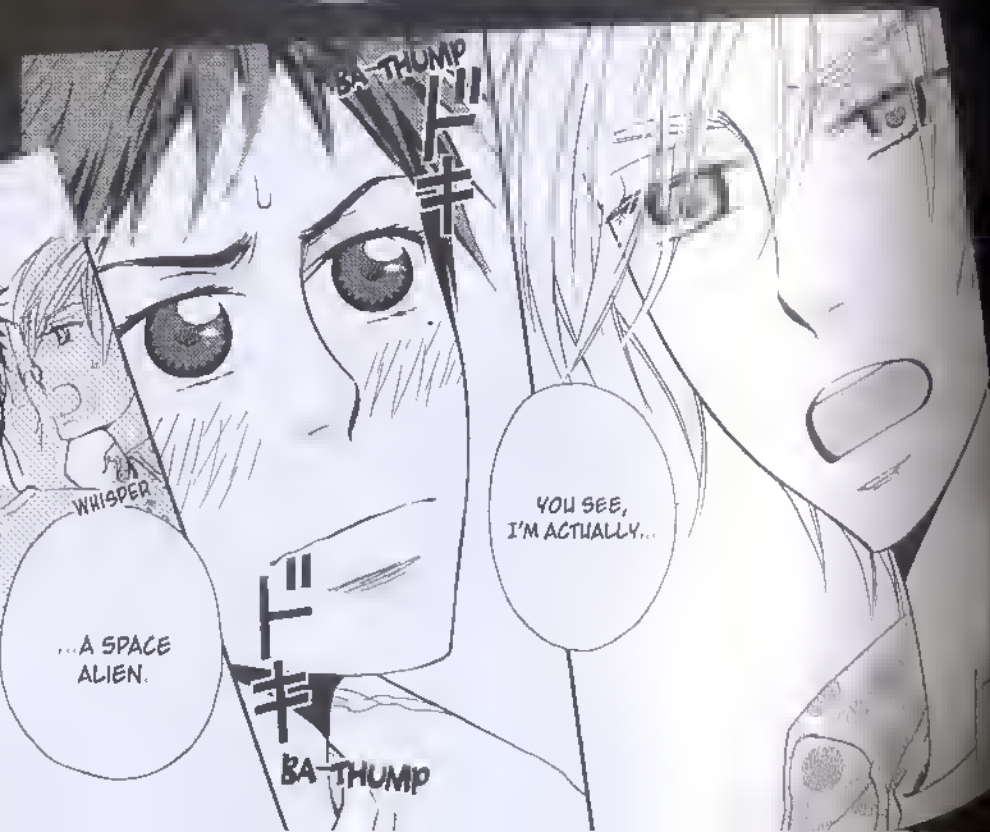
I'D LIKE
TO KNOW,
TOO.

HIS HAIR, SKIN,
AND EVEN HIS EYES
WERE FAIR-COLORED,
AND THE GIRLS ALL
CALLED HIM
"PRINCE CHARMING."
BUT...



KOTARO EBINA
TRANSFERRED
HERE WHEN WE
WERE IN THE
FOURTH GRADE.

YOU'RE THE ONLY
ONE I'M GONNA
TELL MY SECRET
TO...



YOU SEE,
I'M ACTUALLY...

...A SPACE
ALIEN.

BA-THUMP

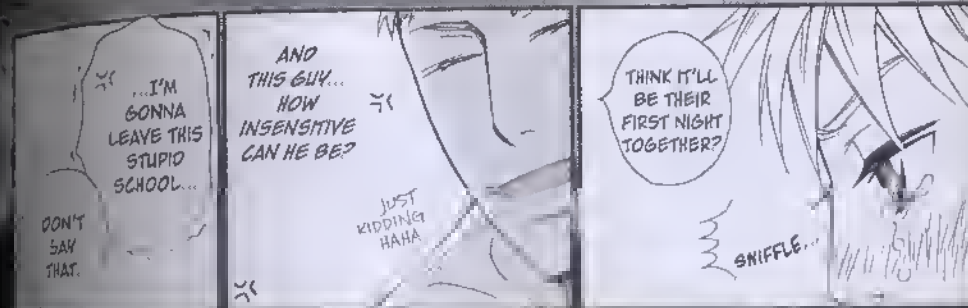
HOO-

HEY, I WONDER
WHAT THOSE
GUYS ARE DOING
TONIGHT...

SHU-
CHAN...
YOU
JERK...

WHY DOES HE
THINK I STUDIED TO
GET INTO THIS
SCHOOL (OUT HERE
IN THE MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE) FOR
ANYWAY...

SNIFFLE



DON'T
SAY
THAT.

AND
THIS GUY...
HOW
INSENSITIVE
CAN HE BE?

JUST
KIDDING
HAHA

THINK IT'LL
BE THEIR
FIRST NIGHT
TOGETHER?

SNIFFLE...



JUST FOR A YEAR-
WHY DON'T YOU STAY
HERE AT SAKURAJJO?
YOU CAN ALWAYS
QUIT AFTER I'VE
GRADUATED.

BUT THERE'S
NO REASON
FOR ME TO
STAY HERE...

WELL...
MAYBE NOT
FOR YOU-

BUT I'D LIKE
YOU TO STAY.

?!

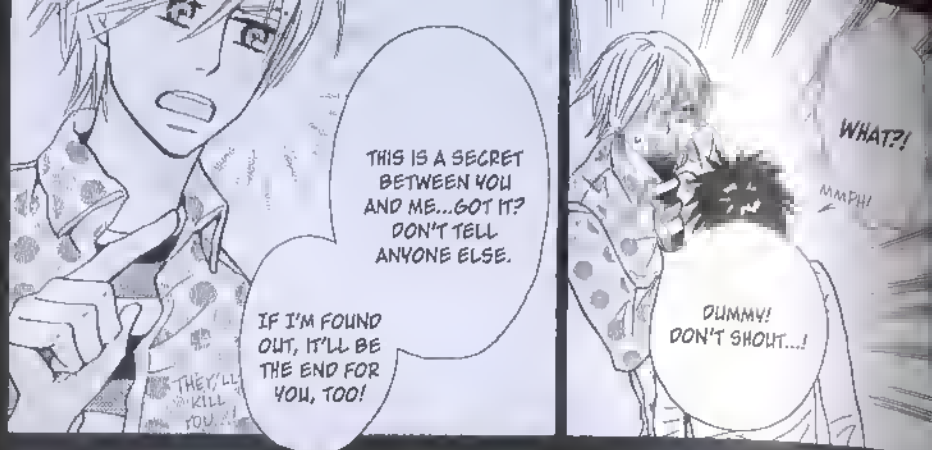
I DON'T
GET IT...

...WHAT
ARE YOU
SAVING?

I'M CON-
FESSING
MY LOVE
FOR YOU.

GAH!

IT'S SPRING OEND



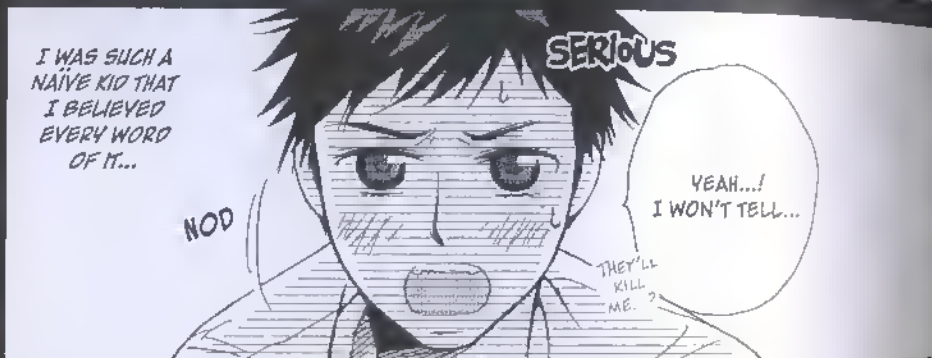
THIS IS A SECRET
BETWEEN YOU
AND ME... GOT IT?
DON'T TELL
ANYONE ELSE.

IF I'M FOUND
OUT, IT'LL BE
THE END FOR
YOU, TOO!

WHAT?!

MMPH!

DUMMY!
DON'T SHOUT...!



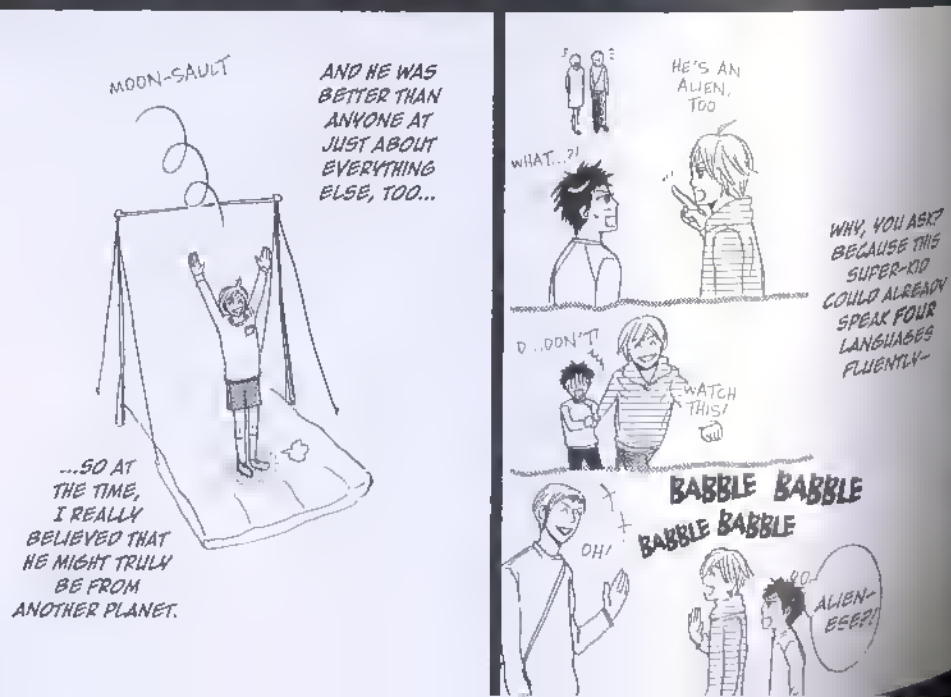
I WAS SUCH A
NAÏVE KID THAT
I BELIEVED
EVERY WORD
OF IT...

SERIOUS

YEAH...!
I WON'T TELL...

THEY'LL
KILL
ME. ?

NOD



MOON-SAULT

AND HE WAS
BETTER THAN
ANYONE AT
JUST ABOUT
EVERYTHING
ELSE, TOO...



WHAT...?!

HE'S AN
ALIEN,
TOO.

D...DON'T

WATCH
THIS!

WHY, YOU ASK?
BECAUSE THIS
SUPER-KID
COULD ALREADY
SPEAK FOUR
LANGUAGES
FLUENTLY~

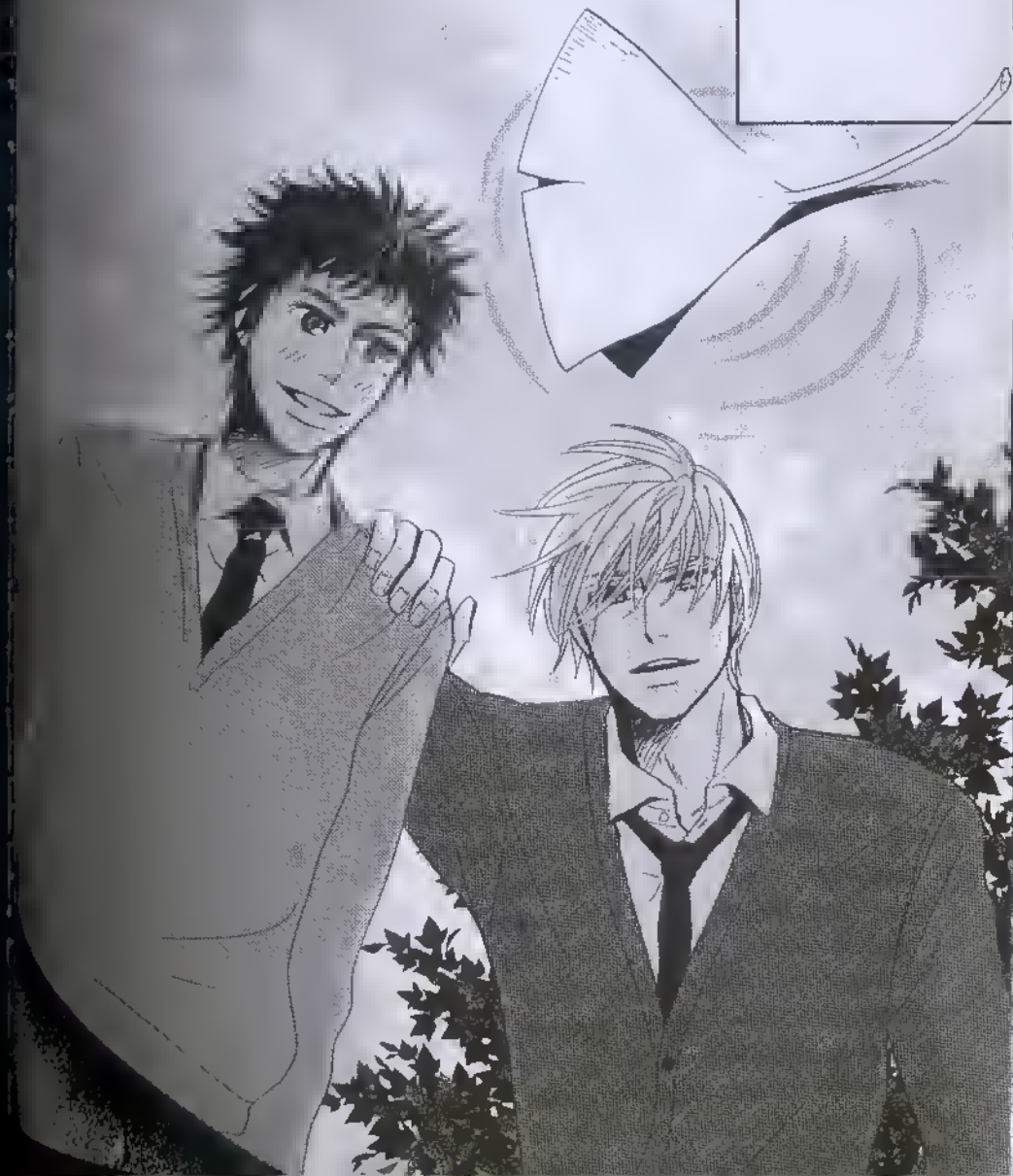
BABBLE BABBLE
BABBLE BABBLE

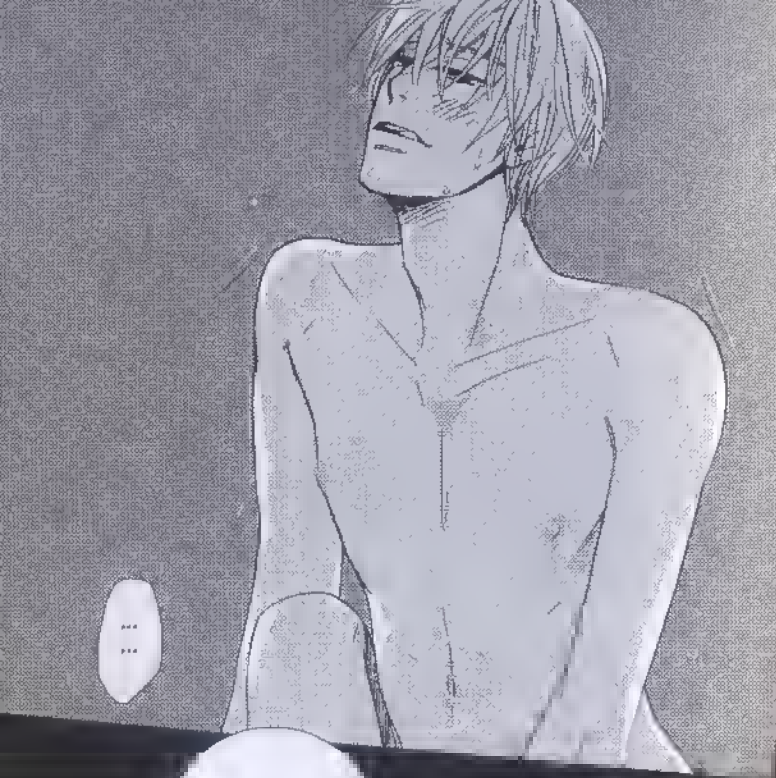
OH!

ALIEN-
BEEP!

LOVE TRAINING LESSON 5 ラブトレ

THE NEW KID
WAS FROM
OUTER SPACE.



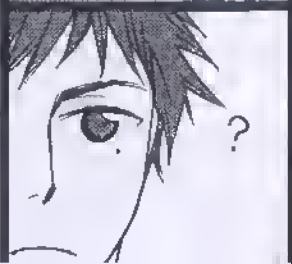


H...
UNNH...

YOU SPACE
ALIEN...



I HAVEN'T USED IT
RECENTLY, SO I'VE
FORGOTTEN IT...

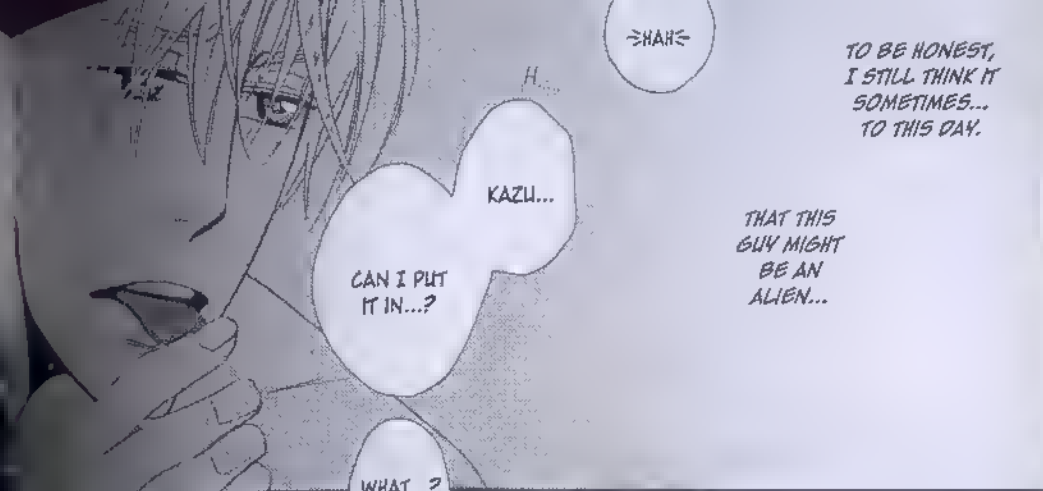


"I-AM-AN-
ALIEN-
FROM-
SPAAAAACE!"

"OHH!"

THAT'S
REGULAR
JAPANESE!

SPEAK
ALIEN-ESB
FOR ONCE,
YOU SPACE
ALIEN!



HAH<

TO BE HONEST,
I STILL THINK IT
SOMETIMES...
TO THIS DAY.

THAT THIS
GUY MIGHT
BE AN
ALIEN...

KAZU...

CAN I PUT
IT IN...?

WHAT...?

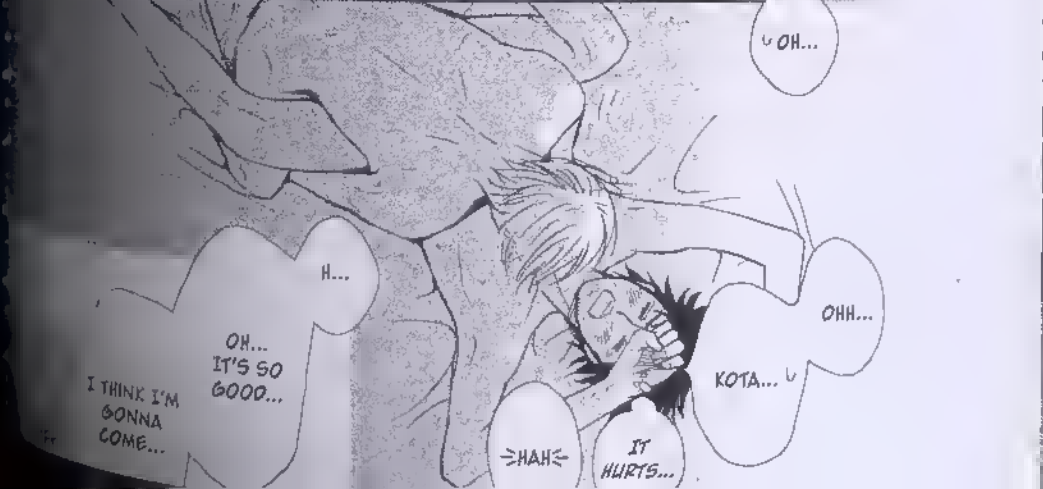
NO...

SHOVE

OH!



TWO GUYS,
DOING
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
TOGETHER...



OH...

H...

OH...
IT'S SO
GOOD...
I THINK I'M
GONNA
COME...

OHH...

KOTA... U

HAH<

IT
HURTS...



THEN EBINA
WILL FALL LIKE
A DOMINO,
TOO

KOMORI!!!
YOU JOIN THE
LINGUISTICS
CLUB!

BE IN THE
PLAY!

WHAT?!

CLAMP

NO
WAY!

WELL...
HE'S GOT
A POINT
THERE...

DOES HAVE
THAT PRINCE
CHARMING
FACE...

MOTHER IS
A FRENCH-
WOMAN OF
GERMAN
DESCENT.

AND
ANYWAY...

THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
OTHER GUYS
BESIDES KOTA
WHO CAN SPEAK
ENGLISH...

FOOL!

WHAT WE WANT IS
THAT LOOK!
HIS FACE!
THE PRINCE
CHARMING FACE!

HA
HA
HA
IT'LL BE
OKAY!

I'LL CUT
NINE-TENTHS
OF YOUR LINES
FOR YOU.

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

I'LL
GIVE YOU
MINE IF
YOU
WANT

THAT
REMINDS ME...
YOU'VE
WANTED AN
IPOO MINI,
RIGHT?

I CAN BUY
MY OWN!



THEY'RE
TRYING TO
RECRUIT
HIM FOR
CLUBS
AGAIN

OH...

HE'S ALWAYS
TOLD SUCH FIRES,
EVER SINCE WE
WERE LITTLE...



WHOA!

130 THUMP

HEEEY,
KOMORI...

YOU
SCARED
ME...

OH...IT'S
JUST YOU,
MACHIDA
SEMPAI.

WHADDAYA
MEAN,
IT'S
"JUST"
ME?

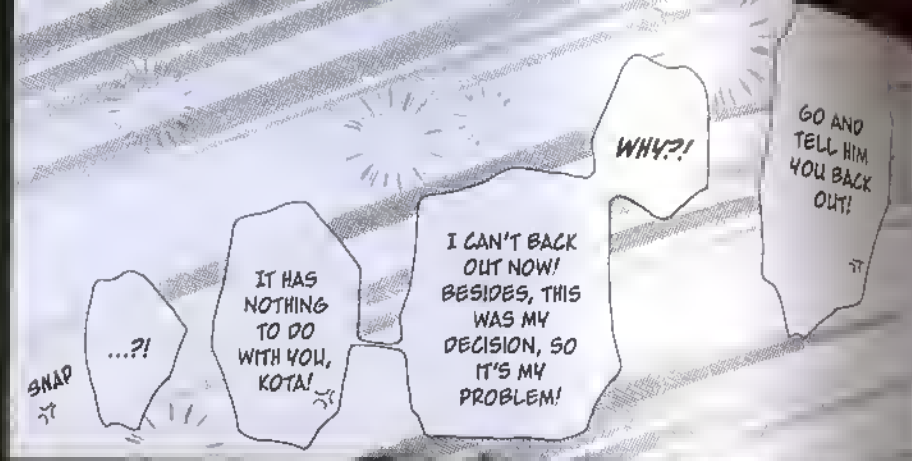
OF COURSE
HE WON'T!
HE DOESN'T
TAKE ME
SERIOUSLY-

HE WON'T
LISTEN TO
ME.

THAT'S NOT
WHAT IT
LOOKS LIKE
TO ME.

...THEN-

WILL YOU TALK TO
EBINA, TOO?
HE'LL LISTEN TO
YOU.



SNAP

...?!

IT HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH YOU,
KOTA!

I CAN'T BACK
OUT NOW!
BESIDES, THIS
WAS MY
DECISION, SO
IT'S MY
PROBLEM!

WHY?!

GO AND
TELL HIM
YOU BACK
OUT!



...
...



ECSTATIC

AHH,
THIS IS
GREAT!

I
HAVEN'T.

THANKS FOR
CONSENTING!

HA
HA
HA!

YOU'RE THE ONLY
ONE I HAD IN MIND
FOR THE PART OF
ROMEO, EBINA!

CHATTER

CHATTER

LINGUISTICS CLUB

CHATTER



LIKE I SAID...
AN ENGLISH
PLAY...

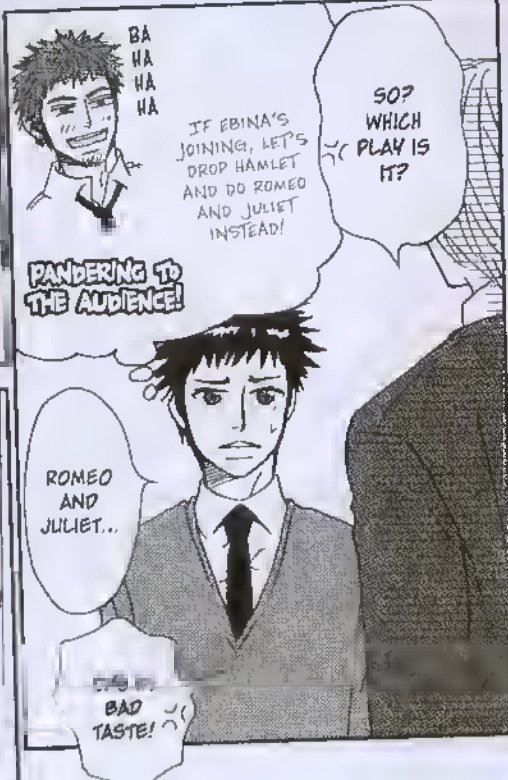
I COULDN'T
REFUSE...
SO I'M GONNA
BE IN IT.

WHAT?!



THEN...

WHICH
ROLE?!



BA
HA
HA
HA

IF EBINA'S
JOINING, LET'S
DROP HAMLET
AND DO ROMEO
AND JULIET
INSTEAD!

SO?
WHICH
PLAY IS
IT?

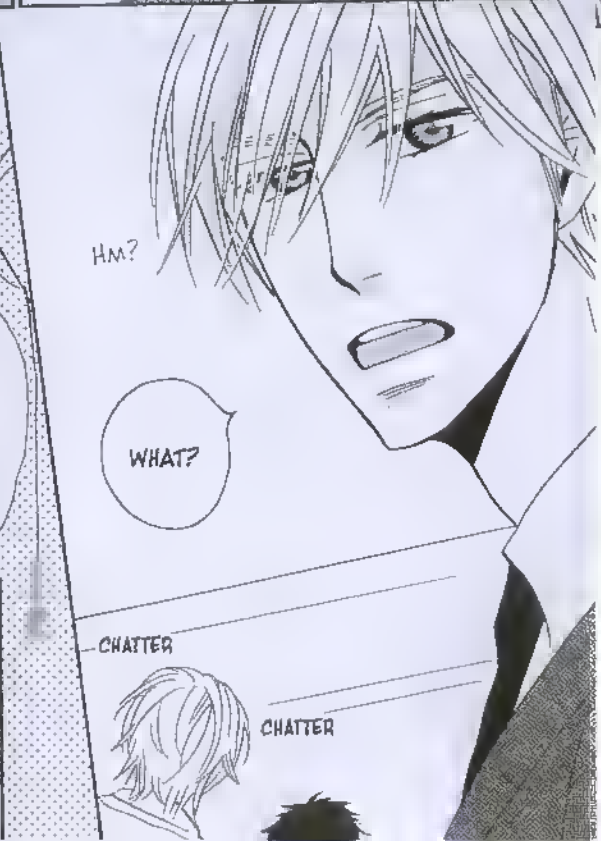
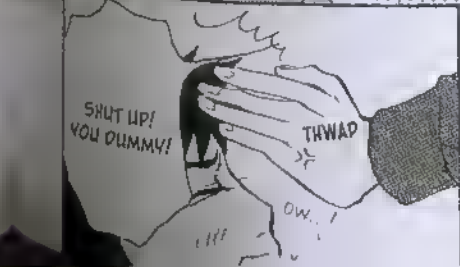
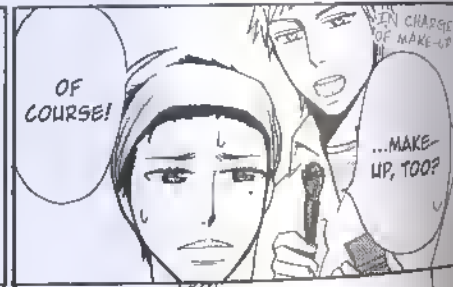
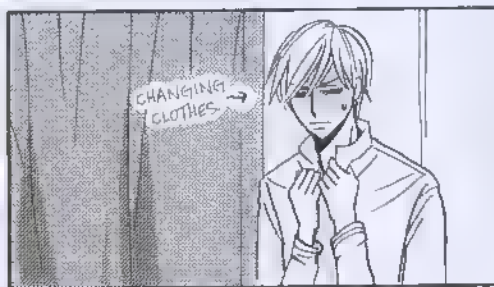
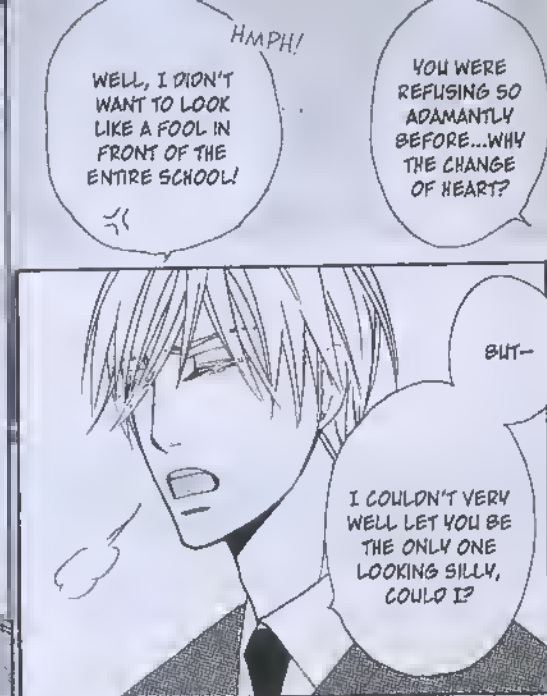
PANDERING TO
THE AUDIENCE!

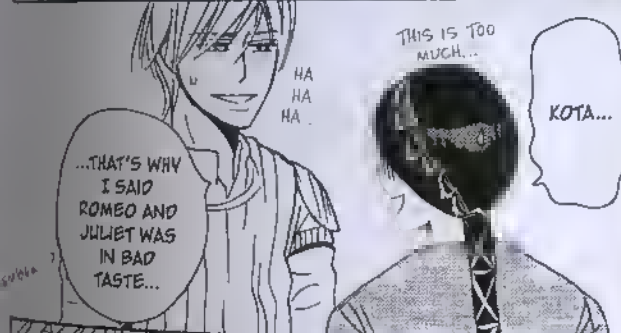
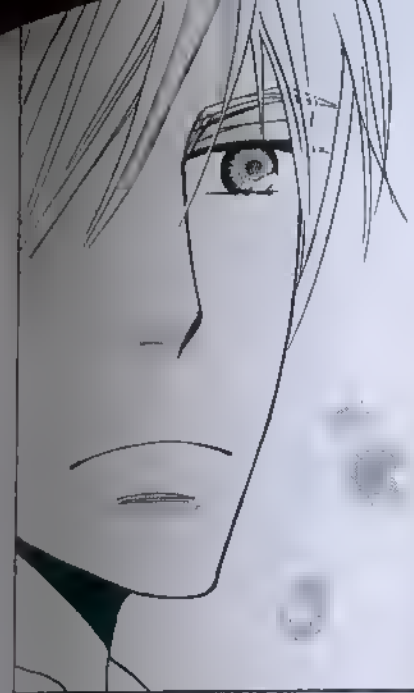
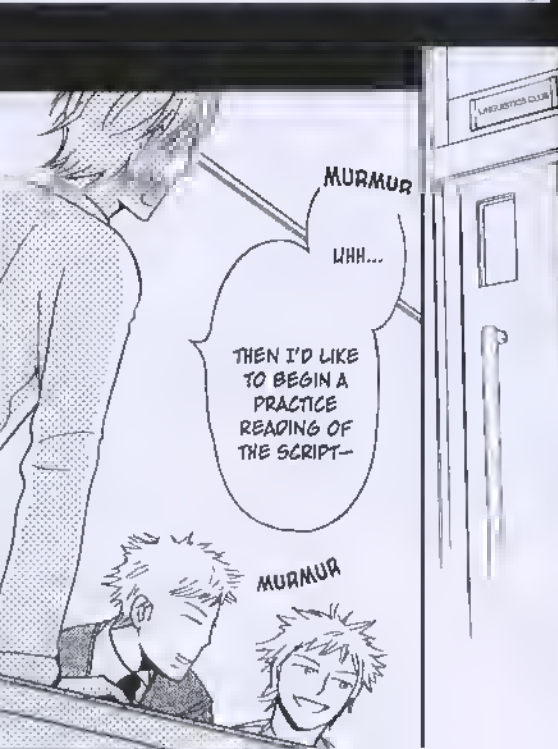
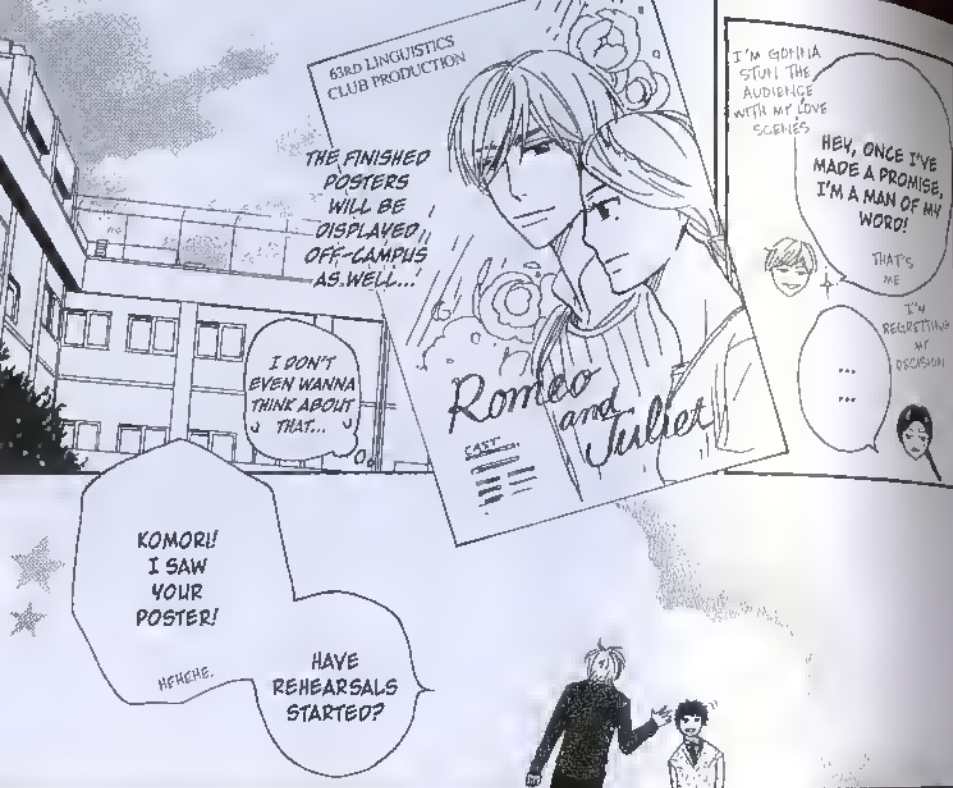
ROMEO
AND
JULIET...

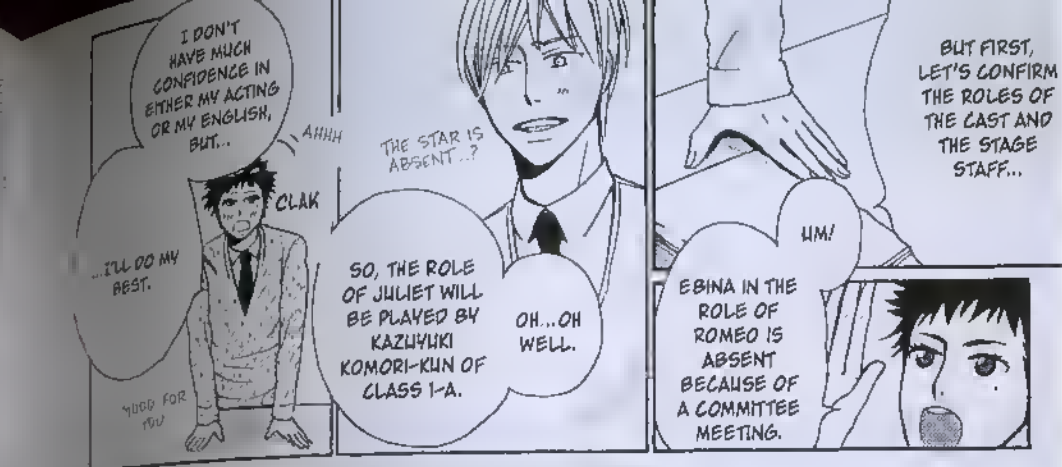
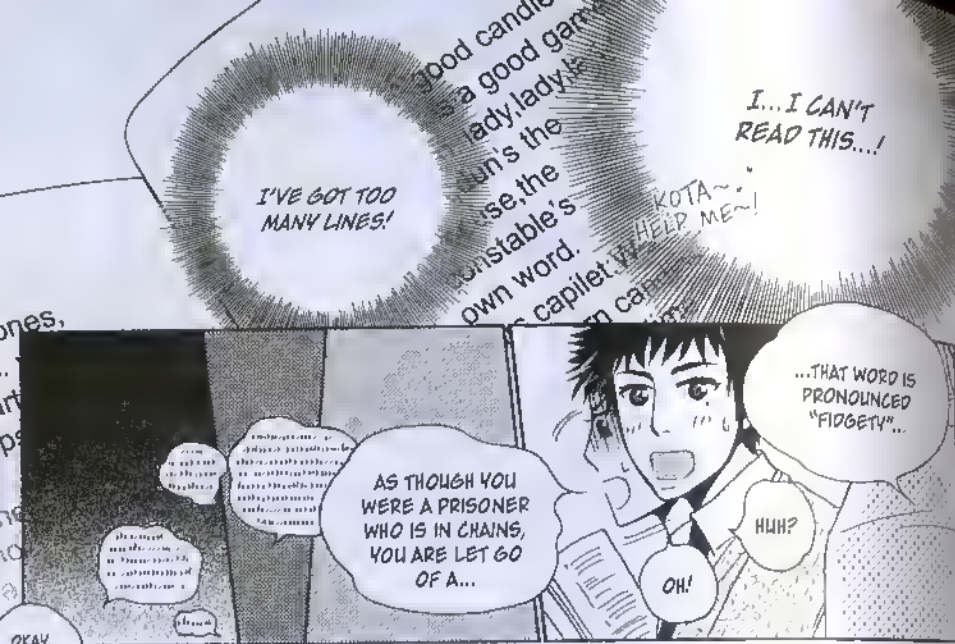
I'M
JULIET...

WHAT...?!

BAD
TASTE!







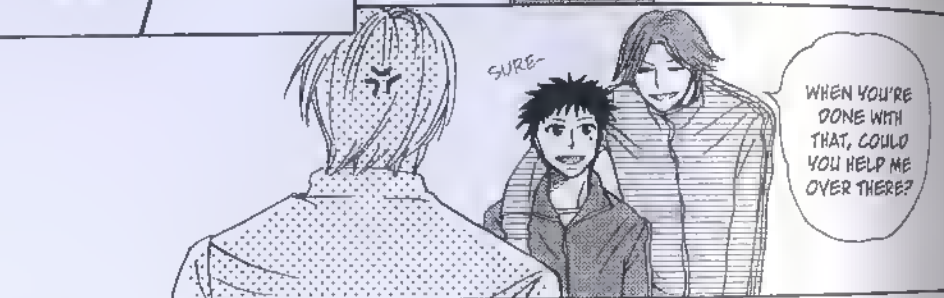


OH, SEMPAL.

KOMORI!

FINE-
IF YOU'RE GONNA
GRIPE SO MUCH,
I'LL DO YOUR
WORK FOR YOU!

THAT'S NOT
THE POINT!



SURE-

WHEN YOU'RE
DONE WITH
THAT, COULD
YOU HELP ME
OVER THERE?



HEY, EBINA!
DO YOU HAVE
A SEC?

HUH?
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

HE'S
CALLING
YOU.

SOMEHOW...
I DON'T
LIKE THAT
GUY!

YOU
JUDGE
PEOPLE
TOO
HARSHLY,
J
KOTA!

HE'S A
NICE
PERSON!

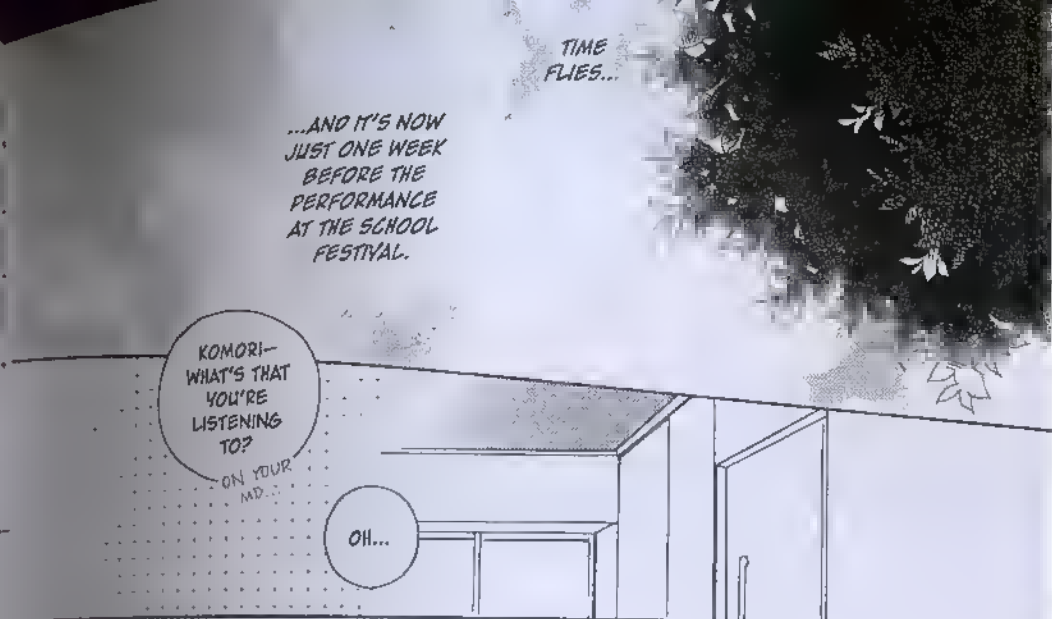


KAZU...

HUH?

WHAT'S
UP WITH
HIM...?

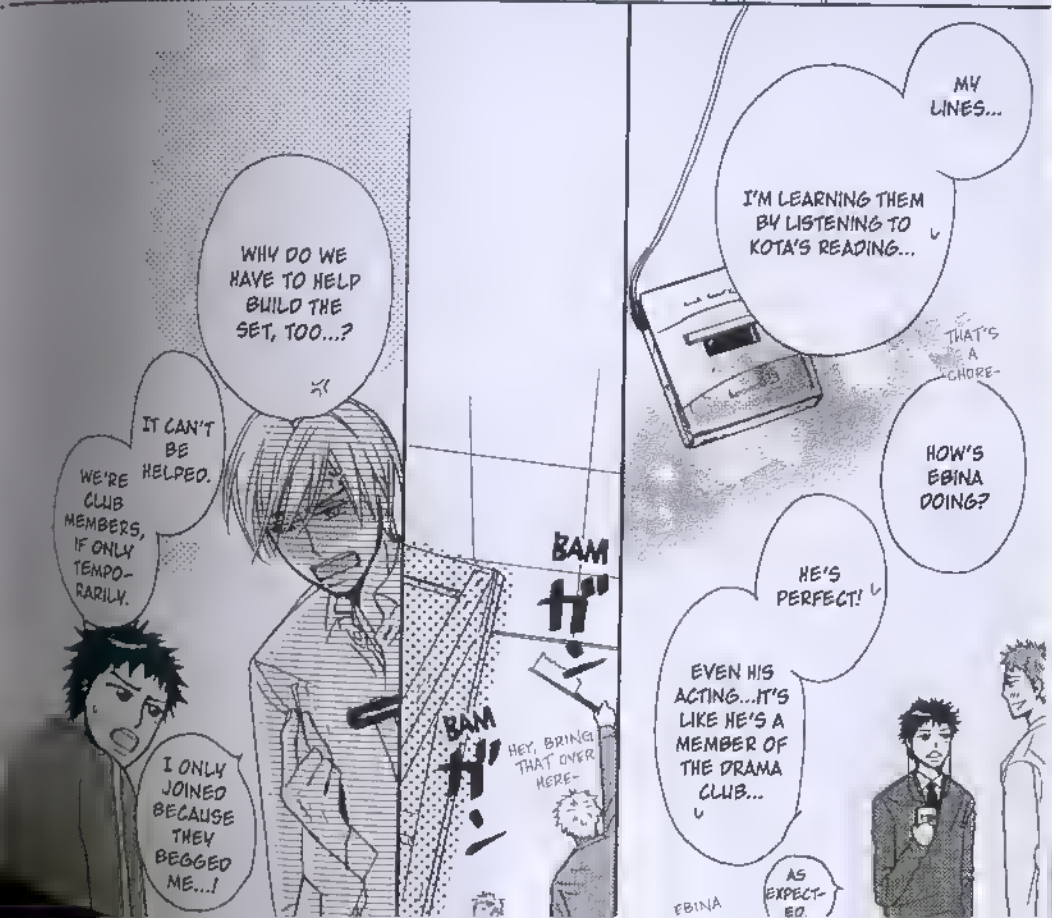
HE'S TOO
TOUCHY-
FEELY WITH
YOU!



KOMORI-
WHAT'S THAT
YOU'RE
LISTENING
TO?

OH...

OH...



WHY DO WE
HAVE TO HELP
BUILD THE
SET, TOO...?

IT CAN'T
BE HELPED.

WE'RE
CLUB
MEMBERS,
IF ONLY
TEMPORARILY.

I ONLY
JOINED
BECAUSE
THEY
BEGGED
ME...!

HEY, BRING
THAT OVER
HERE-

MY LINES...

I'M LEARNING
THEM BY
LISTENING TO
KOTA'S
READING...

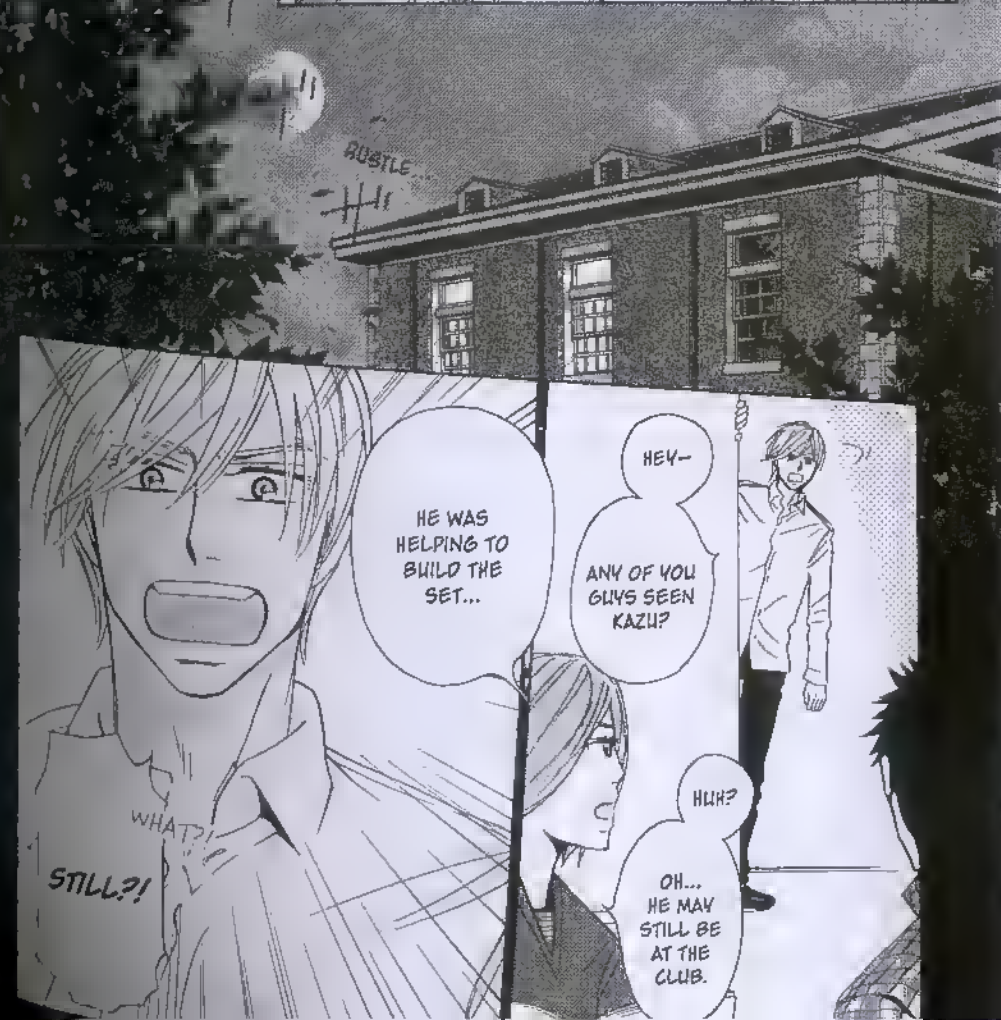
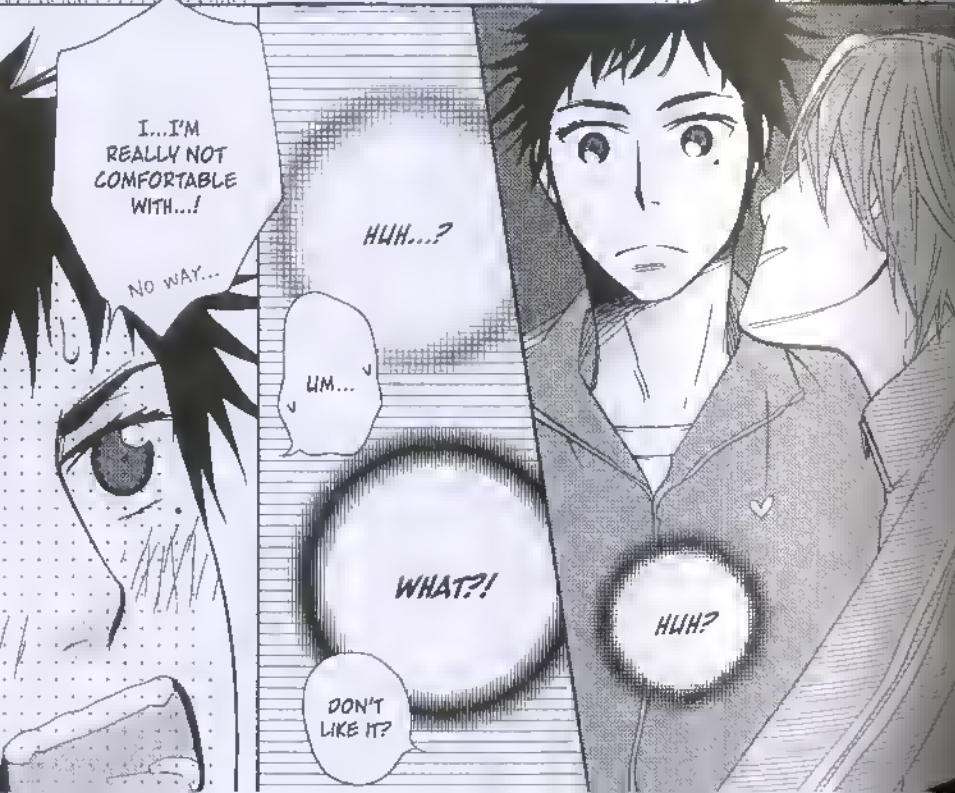
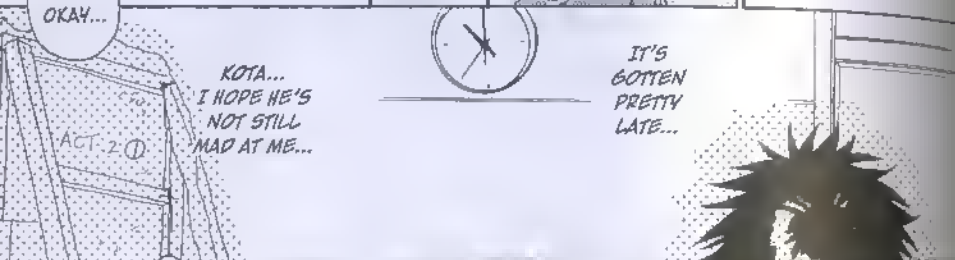
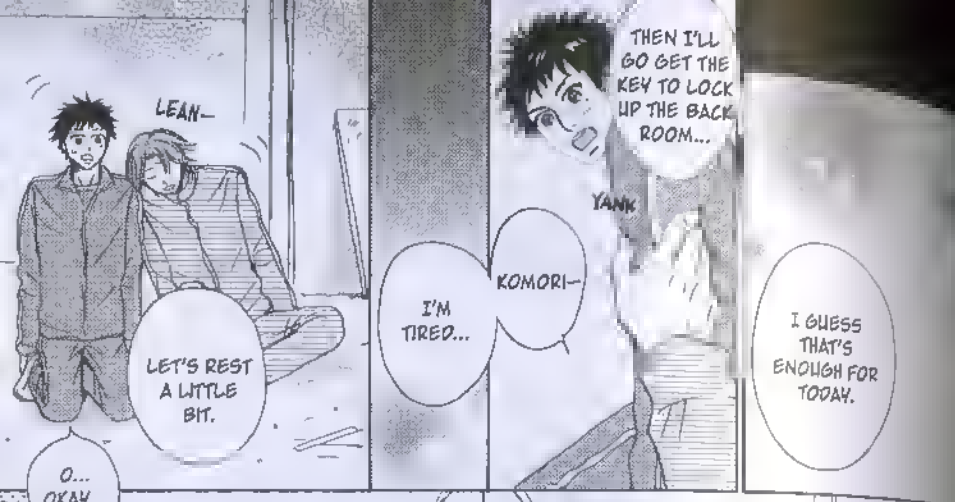
THAT'S
A
CHORE-

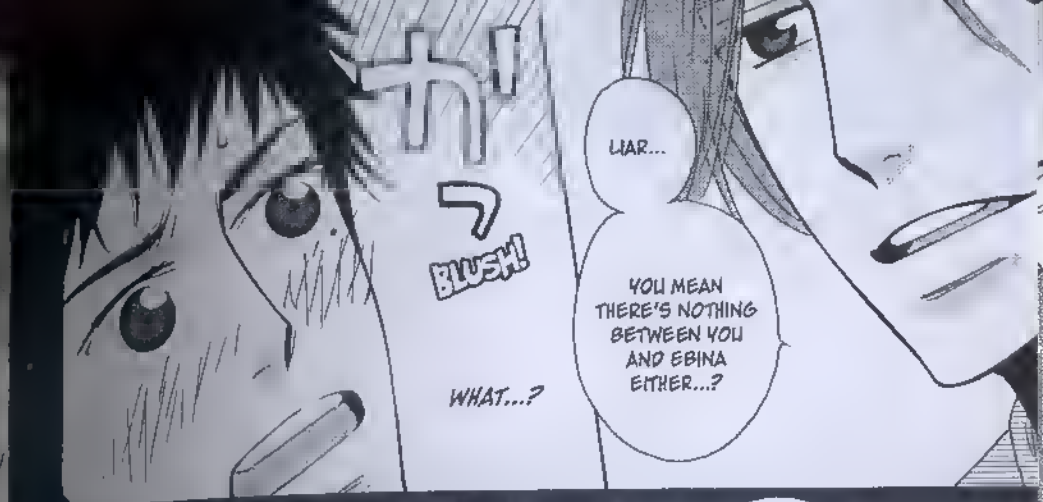
HOW'S
EBINA
DOING?

HE'S
PERFECT!

EVEN HIS
ACTING...IT'S
LIKE HE'S A
MEMBER OF
THE DRAMA
CLUB...

AS
EXPECT-
ED.



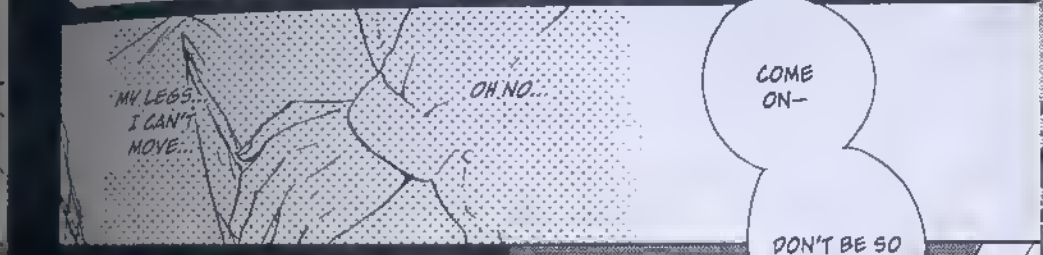


LIAR...

BLUSH!

WHAT...?

YOU MEAN
THERE'S NOTHING
BETWEEN YOU
AND EBINA
EITHER...?



MY LEGS...
I CAN'T
MOVE...

OH NO...

COME
ON-

DON'T BE SO
SERIOUS...



SEMPAI...!

NO!

BAM

BAM

KOTA
...!

PLEASE
STOP...!

P...

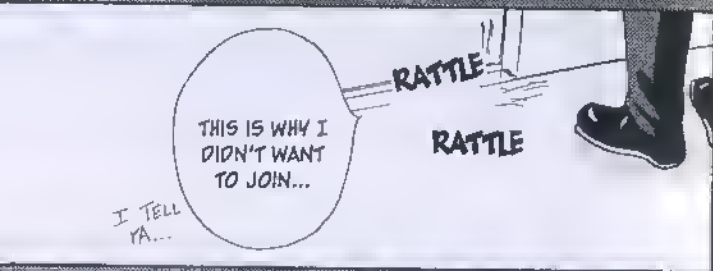
YOU'VE GOT A
CUTE VOICE...
DON'T YOU,
KOMORI...

CHUCKLE

SLIP...

ROMEO!!!

ENTER-



THIS IS WHY I
DIDN'T WANT
TO JOIN...

I TELL
YA...



KAZU...

YOU JUST
DON'T GET IT,
DO YOU?

HUH?

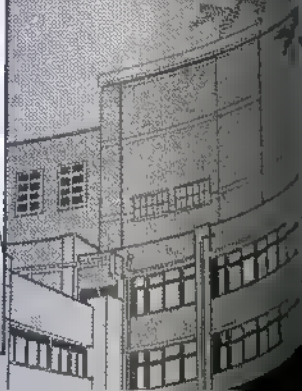


OKAY
THE
DOOR'S
FIXED!

WHAT
ABOUT
THE
WALL,
THOUGH?



I'M
SORRY...



WOO-

WOO-



EKK!

KOTA...?!

NO BLUNT
WEAPONS

S...

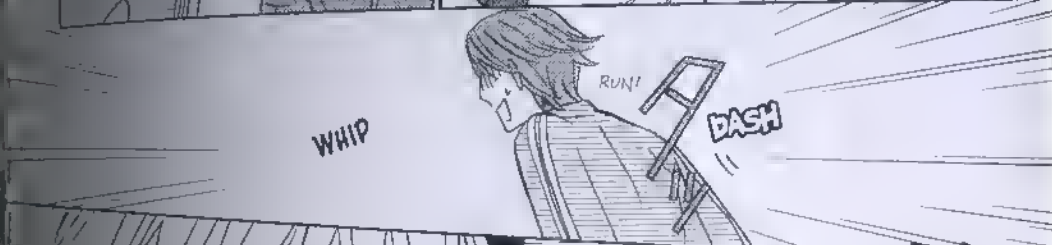
STOMP

EBINA...
THIS ISN'T
WHAT-
UM...

STOMP

CLATTER

CLATTER



WHIP

DASH



THERE
WON'T BE A
NEXT TIME.

GOT THAT,
SEMPAI?



THAT
TIME...

...I MISSED
ON PURPOSE.
BUT...

CRASH

YIKES!



IT'S MOOT AT
THIS POINT,
BUT—

...YOU'D THINK
HE COULD USE
WORDS A LITTLE
SWEETER THAN
THAT...!



YOUR ONLY
PARTNER...
IS ME.

DON'T LET
SOME OTHER
GUY CATCH YOU
WITH YOUR
GUARD DOWN!

...
...



THIS GUY...
HE'S REALLY
SO...

KAZU...

HM?

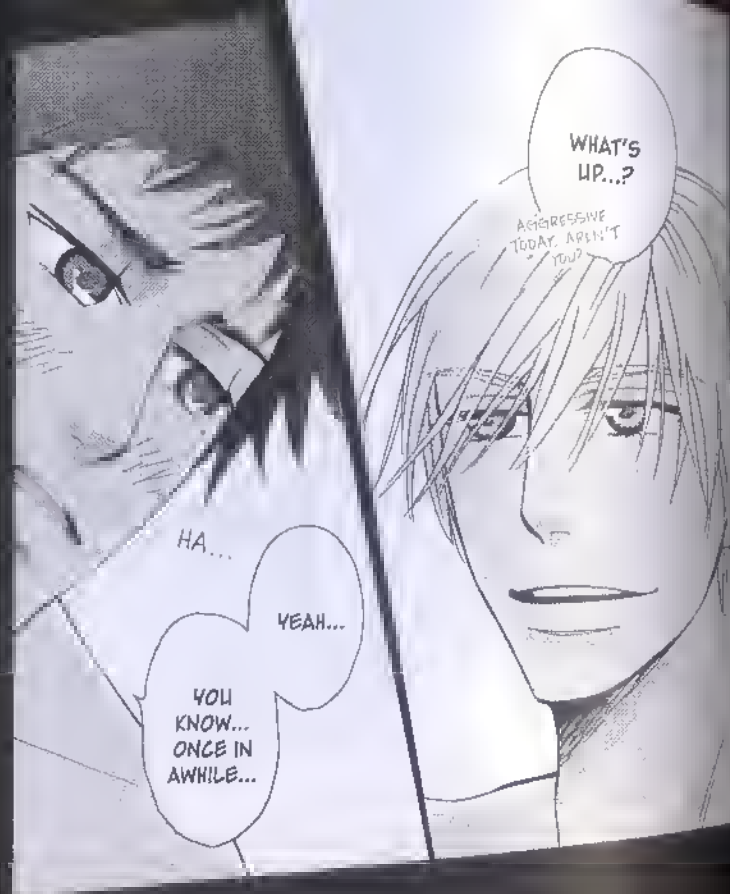
I...
I KNOW
THAT!

IF HE'S
CONFESSING...

I'M
CONFESSING
MY LOVE FOR
YOU HERE...

AND YOU'RE
IGNORING
ME?

THERE ARE TIMES
WHEN I WANT TO
TELL YOU I LOVE
YOU, TOO—



WHAT'S
UP...?

AGGRESSIVE
TODAY, AREN'T
YOU?

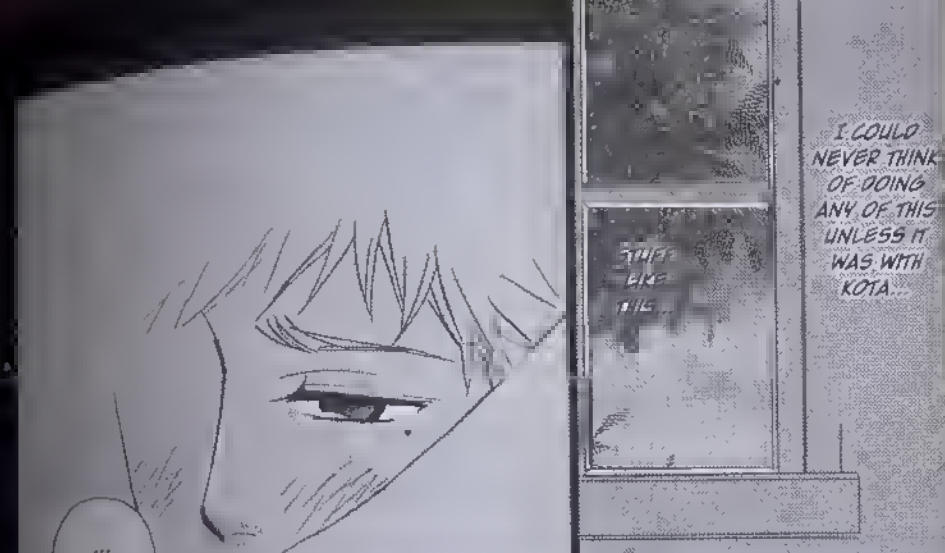
HA...

YEAH...

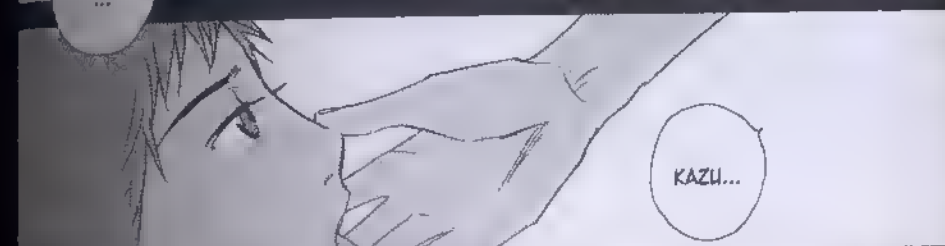
YOU
KNOW...
ONCE IN
AWHILE...

BUT...

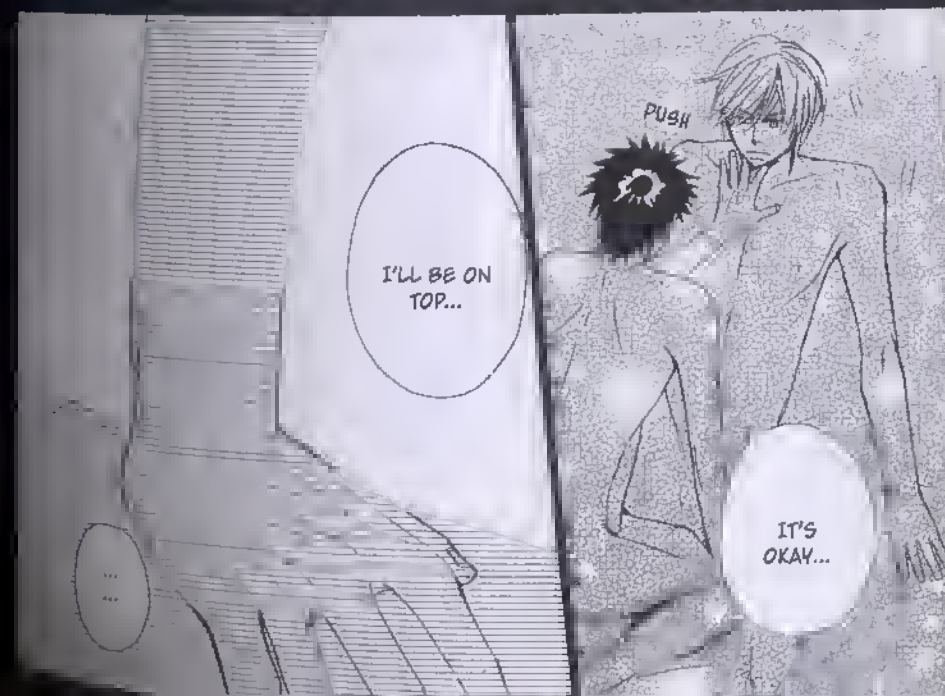
I DON'T THINK
EITHER OF US
COULD EXPRESS IT
IN WORDS ALONE.



I COULD
NEVER THINK
OF DOING
ANY OF THIS
UNLESS IT
WAS WITH
KOTA...



KAZU...



I'LL BE ON
TOP...

PUSH

IT'S
OKAY...

LOVE LAB

恋愛準備室

LOVE TRAINING LESSON 6



SAKURAJO FESTIVAL

AFTER THAT DAY,
SEMPAI NEVER CAME
NEAR ME AGAIN.
IT WAS NOW THE DAY
BEFORE THE
PERFORMANCE, AND
WE'D JUST FINISHED
OUR PRACTICE RUN OF
THE PLAY...

I MESSED
UP A LOT
- OF MY
REALLY
LONG
LIVES...

OH MAN...I THINK I'M
IN SOME SERIOUS
TROUBLE...

IF YOU FORGET,
JUST MAKE UP
SOMETHING.

IT'S IN
ENGLISH,
AFTER ALL

DON'T WORRY!
WHEN YOU'RE
IN A PINCH,
I'LL HELP YOU
WITH MY
TELEPATHY!

AS TO WHETHER
THE PERFORMANCE
WAS A SUCCESS
OR NOT...

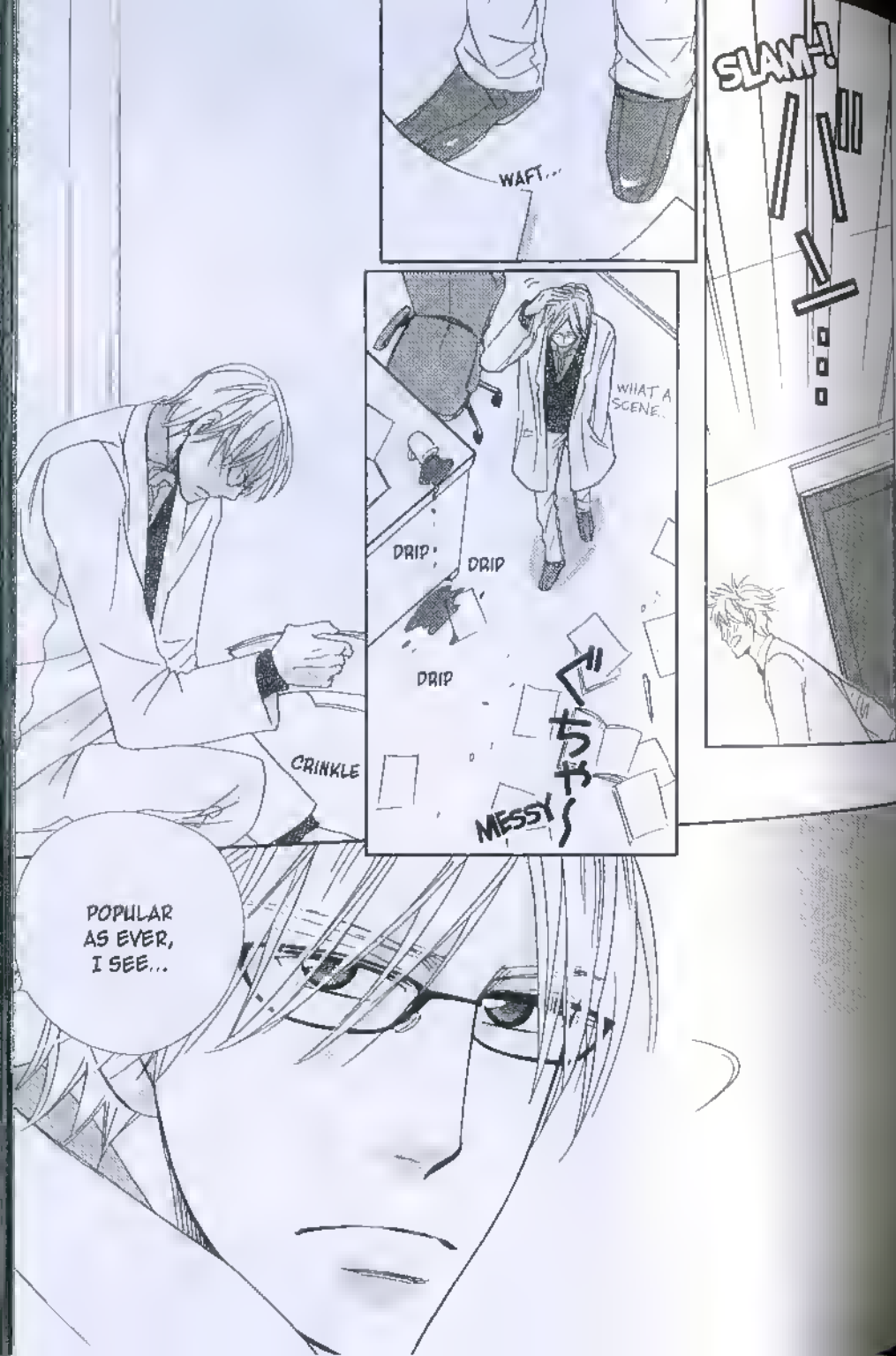
WE'LL LEAVE
THAT FOR
ANOTHER
DAY

PLEASE...
FOR REAL...
HELP ME,
SIR SPACE ALIEN...

WITH
TELEPATHY,
ANYTHING
JUST HELP
ME...

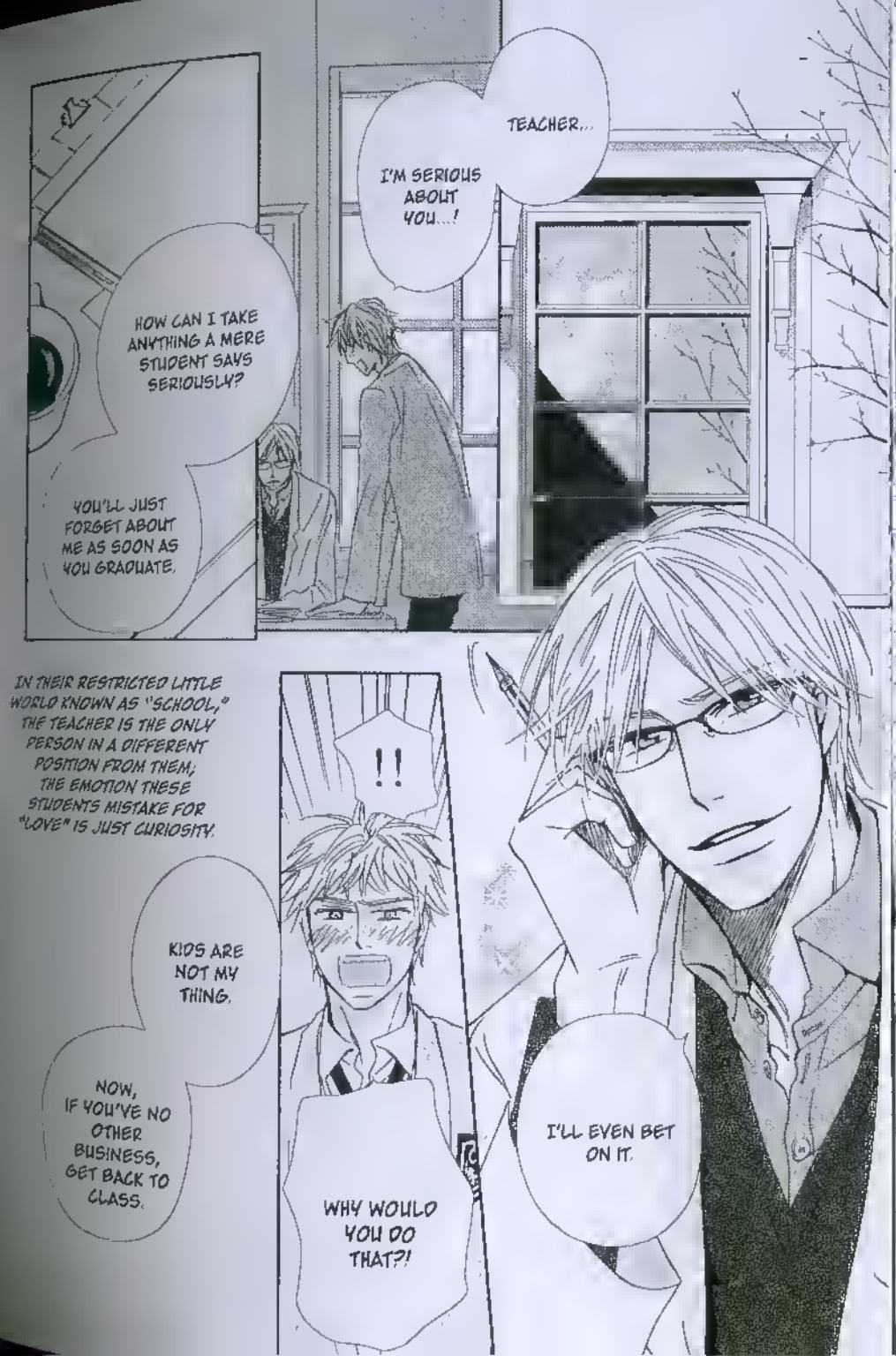
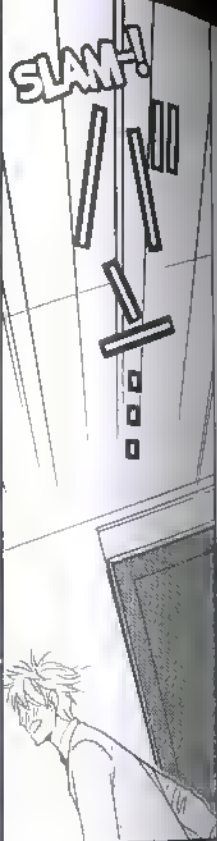
ARE YOU
KIDDING...?

LOVE TRAINING ●END



POPULAR
AS EVER,
I SEE...

WHAT A
SCENE...



TEACHER...

I'M SERIOUS
ABOUT
YOU...!

HOW CAN I TAKE
ANYTHING A MERE
STUDENT SAYS
SERIOUSLY?

YOU'LL JUST
FORGET ABOUT
ME AS SOON AS
YOU GRADUATE.

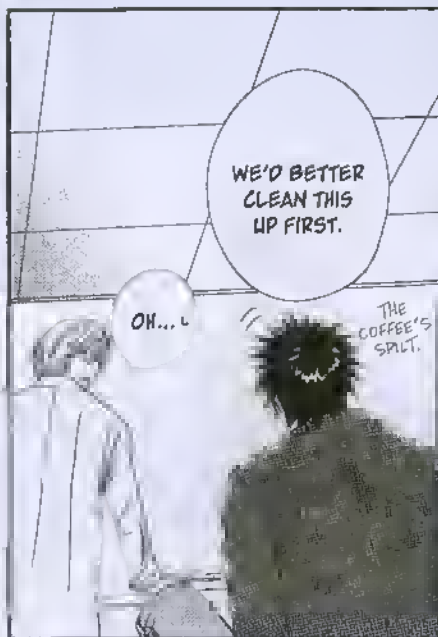
IN THEIR RESTRICTED LITTLE
WORLD KNOWN AS "SCHOOL,"
THE TEACHER IS THE ONLY
PERSON IN A DIFFERENT
POSITION FROM THEM;
THE EMOTION THESE
STUDENTS MISTAKE FOR
"LOVE" IS JUST CURIOSITY.

KIDS ARE
NOT MY
THING.

NOW,
IF YOU'VE NO
OTHER
BUSINESS,
GET BACK TO
CLASS.

WHY WOULD
YOU DO
THAT?!

I'LL EVEN BET
ON IT.



WE'D BETTER
CLEAN THIS
UP FIRST.

OH... L

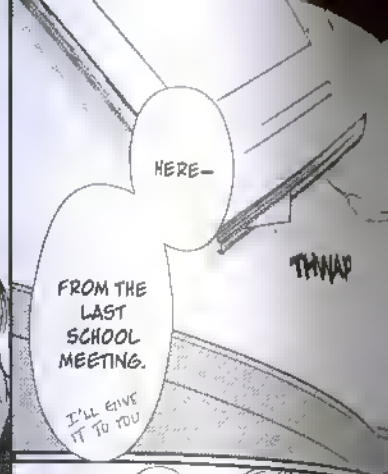
THE
COFFEE'S
SALT.

I'VE BEEN
WANTING
THIS.

IT'S NOT UP
ON THE NET
YET, SO...

FLIP

FLIP

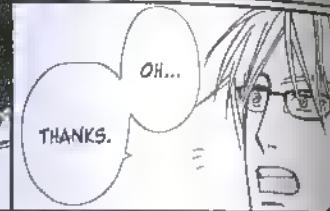


FROM THE
LAST
SCHOOL
MEETING.

I'LL GIVE
IT TO YOU

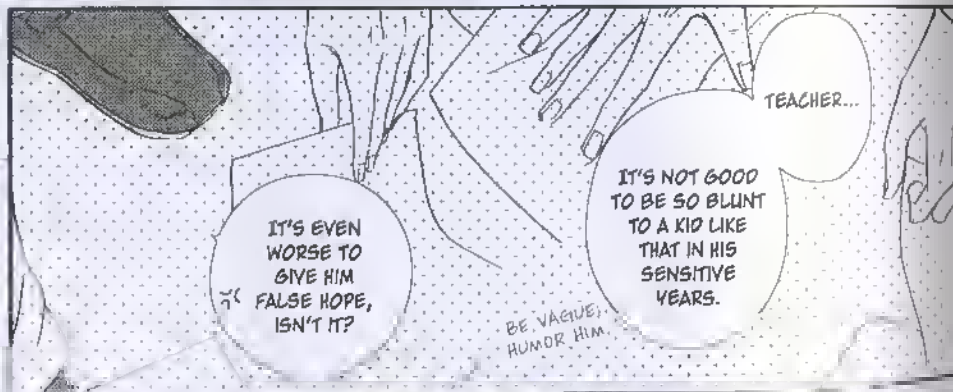
HERE—

THWAP



OH...

THANKS.

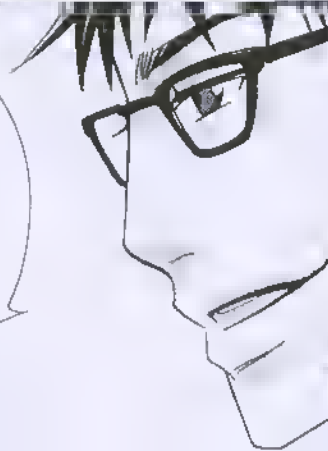


IT'S EVEN
WORSE TO
GIVE HIM
FALSE HOPE,
ISN'T IT?

BE VAGUE;
HUMOR HIM.

TEACHER...

IT'S NOT GOOD
TO BE SO BLUNT
TO A KID LIKE
THAT IN HIS
SENSITIVE
YEARS.



I WAS JUST
REMEMBERING
THAT YOU SAID
THE SAME
THING TO ME,
ONCE.



WHAT?!

HA HA
HA...

HEN

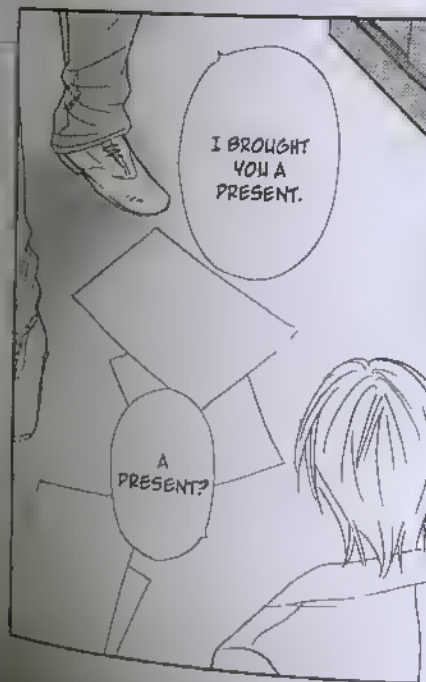


EAVESDROPPING
IS NOT A VERY
GOOD HOBBY...

IWAMOTO
SENSEI.

HUH?
THAT'S NO
HOBBY OF
MINE.

I'M HURT.



I BROUGHT
YOU A
PRESENT.

A
PRESENT?



...UEHARA
SENSEI.

TEACHER...

DID YOUR
HEART
STIR?

SO HOW DO YOU
FEEL NOW THAT
I'VE APPEARED IN
FRONT OF YOU AS A
COLLEAGUE?
ARE YOU
SURPRISED?

... "YOU'LL FORGET
ME AS SOON AS
YOU GRADUATE."

I'M
DISAPPOINTED...!

HMPH...
HOW INSOLENT...

THUMP

OHI

BUT HOW COULD
I FORGET,
WHEN YOU SAID IT
LIKE THAT?



OR...

SHHK

...I'M WAY TOO HANDSOME IF I TAKE OFF MY GLASSES, YOU KNOW?

IT'S MORE BEFITTING FOR A TEACHER TO LOOK A LITTLE BIT GEEKY.

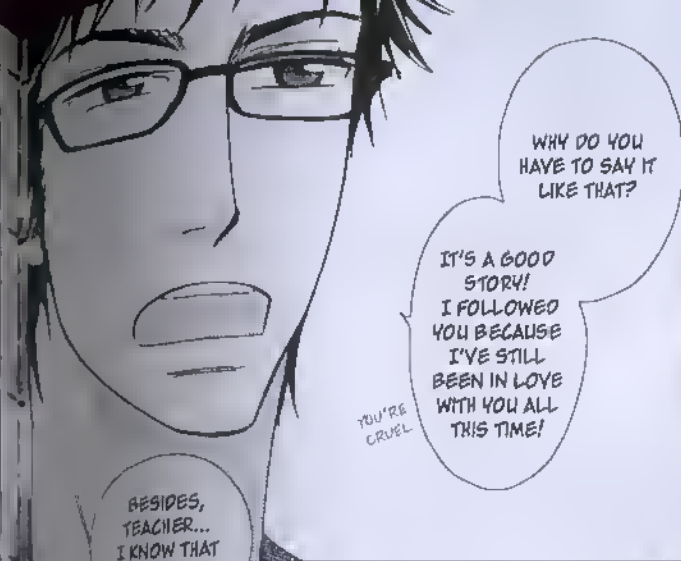


WOULD YOU PREFER ME TO BE POPULAR WITH ALL MY STUDENTS...?

STOP IT...

I'VE GOT A STUDENT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE...

IT'S ALRIGHT. I LOCKED THE DOOR.



WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SAY IT LIKE THAT?

IT'S A GOOD STORY! I FOLLOWED YOU BECAUSE I'VE STILL BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU ALL THIS TIME!

YOU'RE CRUEL

BESIDES, TEACHER... I KNOW THAT YOU LIKE ME T-

SHUT UP...!

I NEVER IMAGINED YOU'D HAVE GROWN TO BE SO FLIPPANT...

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU'RE WEARING THOSE FAKE GLASSES...

YOU WERE CUTTER BACK THEN AS A STUDENT



JUST BECAUSE OF ONE LITTLE THING I SAID TO YOU...?! GIVE ME A BREAK!

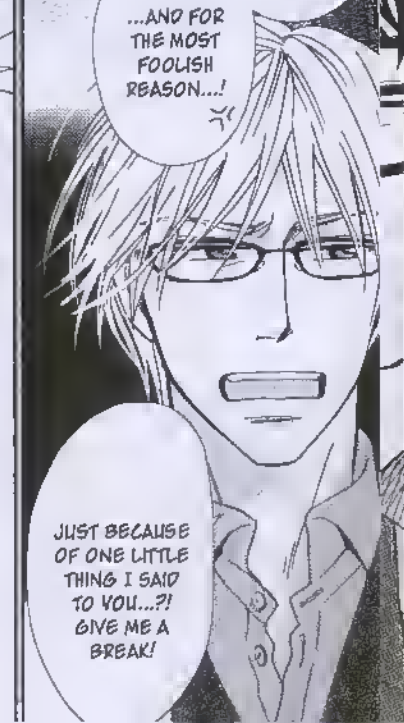
EXCELLENT GRADES RANKING NATIONALLY IN THE TOP 10.

COULD'VE GOTTEN INTO ANY UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION

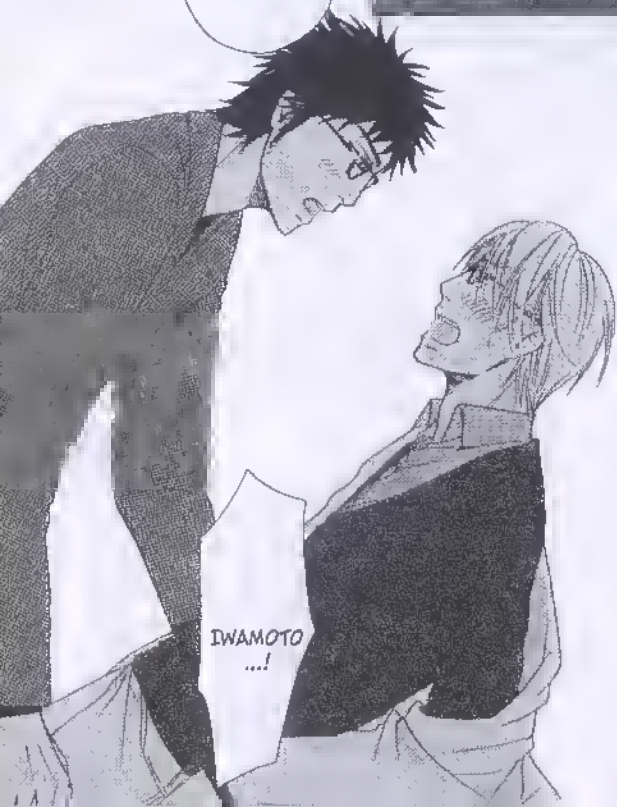


THE STAR STUDENT OF SAKURAJO, BECOMING A MERE TEACHER...

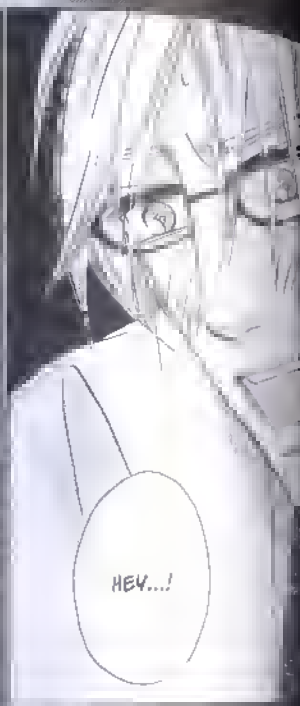
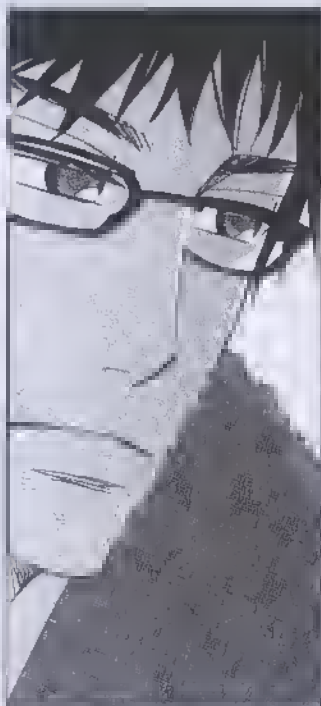
...AND FOR THE MOST FOOLISH REASON...!



I JUST WANT
TO TOUCH
YOU...



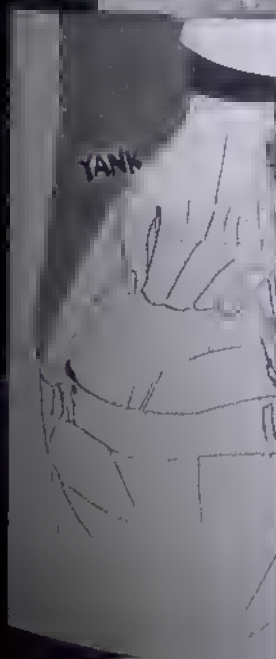
IWAMOTO
...!



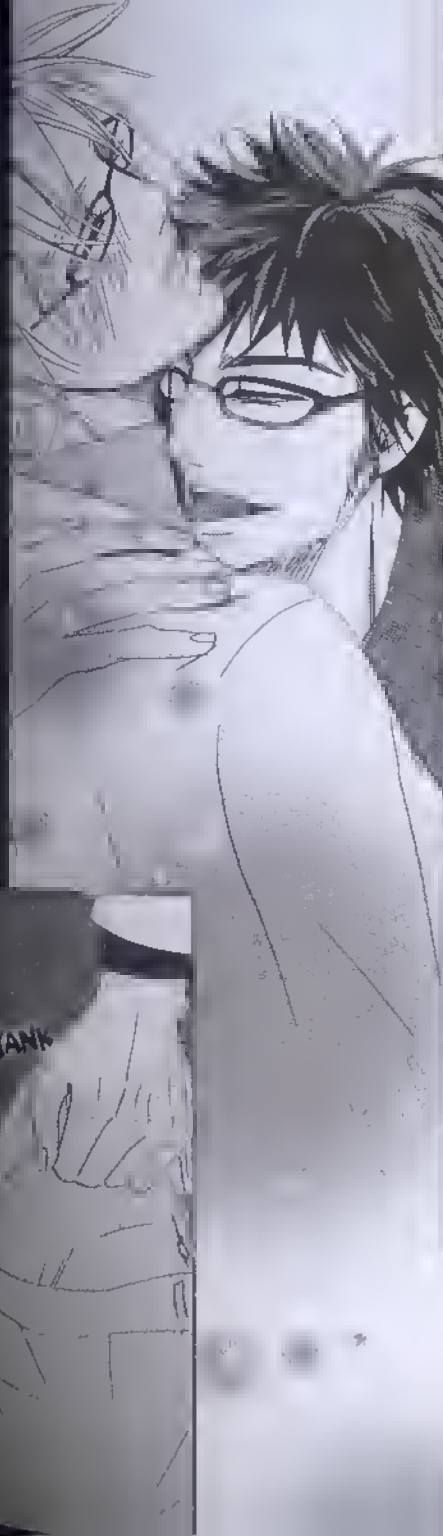
HEY...!



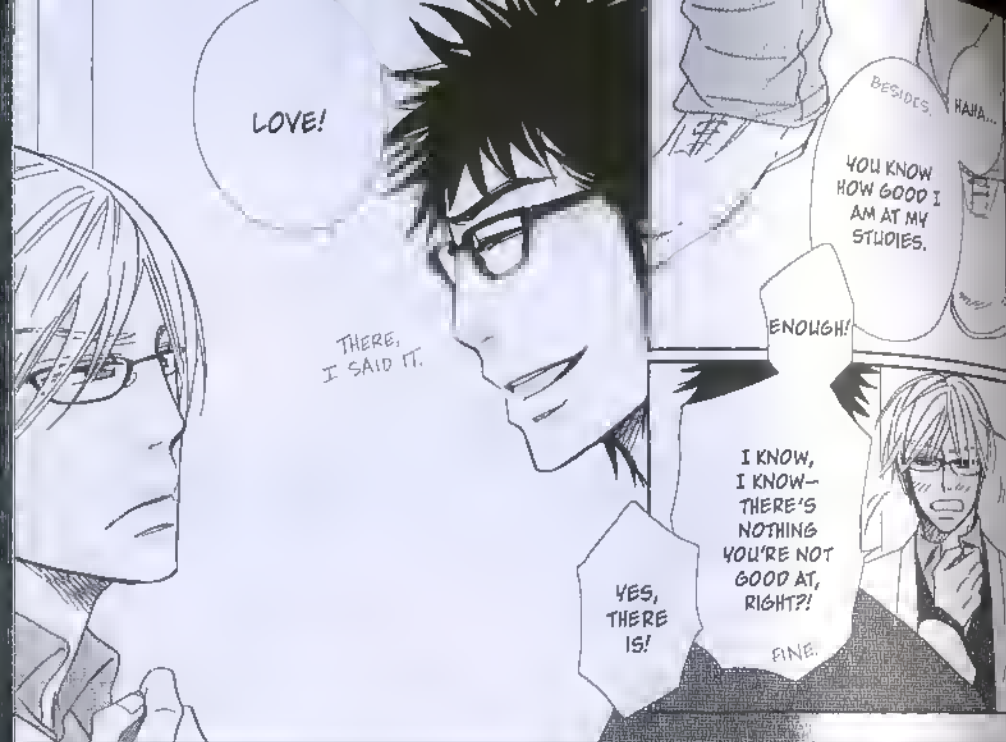
SLIP...



YANK



...H...



LOVE!

THERE,
I SAID IT.

ENOUGH!

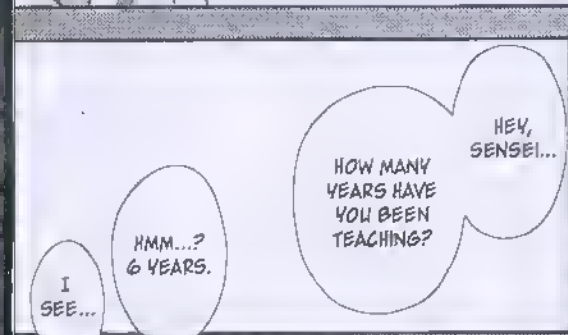
I KNOW,
I KNOW—
THERE'S
NOTHING
YOU'RE NOT
GOOD AT,
RIGHT?!

YES,
THERE
IS!

FINE.

YOU KNOW
HOW GOOD I
AM AT MY
STUDIES.

BESIDES, HAJA...

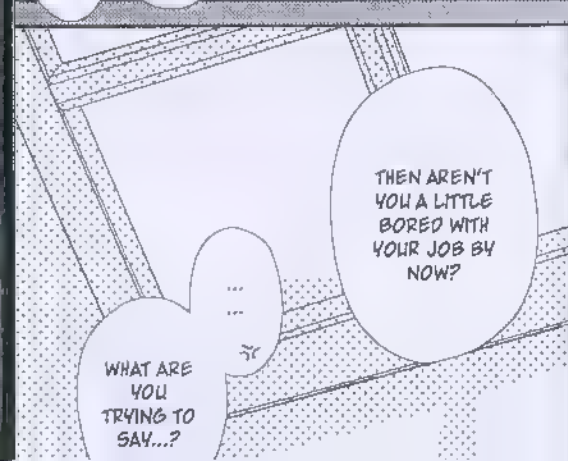


HOW MANY
YEARS HAVE
YOU BEEN
TEACHING?

HEY,
SENSEI...

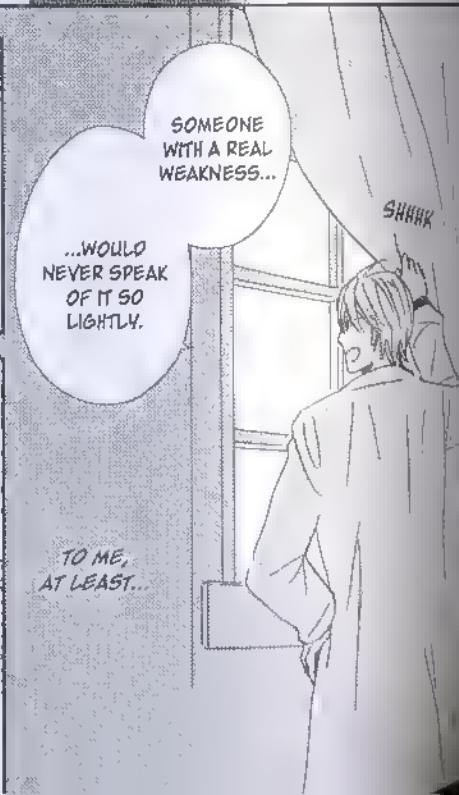
HMM...?
6 YEARS.

I
SEE...



THEN AREN'T
YOU A LITTLE
BORED WITH
YOUR JOB BY
NOW?

WHAT ARE
YOU
TRYING TO
SAY...?

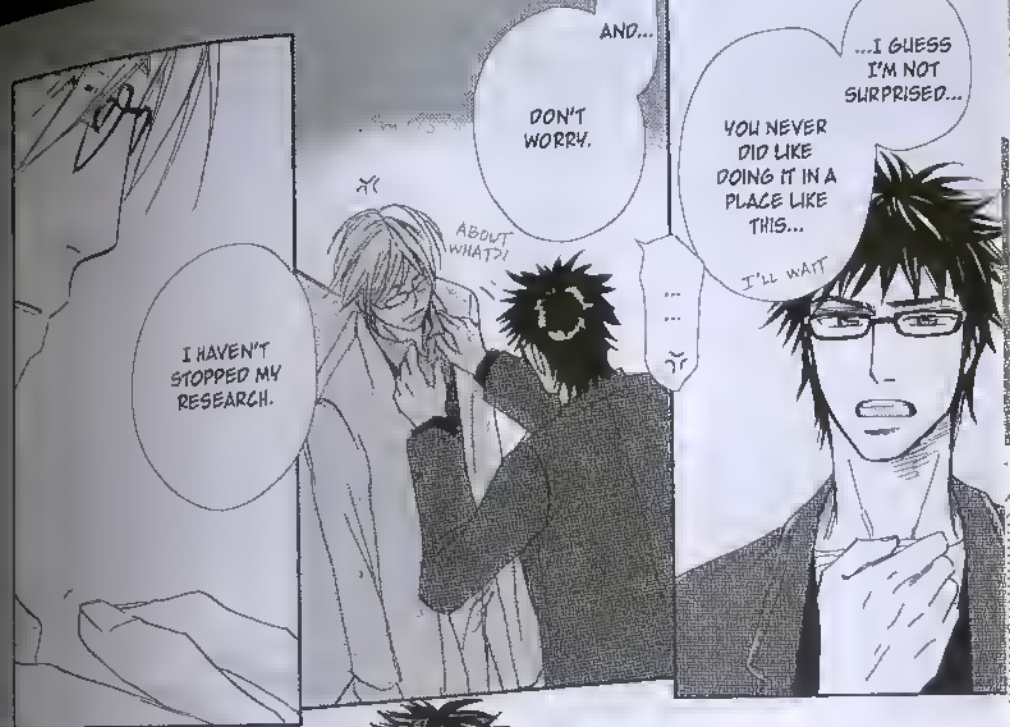


SOMEONE
WITH A REAL
WEAKNESS...

...WOULD
NEVER SPEAK
OF IT SO
LIGHTLY.

TO ME,
AT LEAST.

SHHHK



I HAVEN'T
STOPPED MY
RESEARCH.

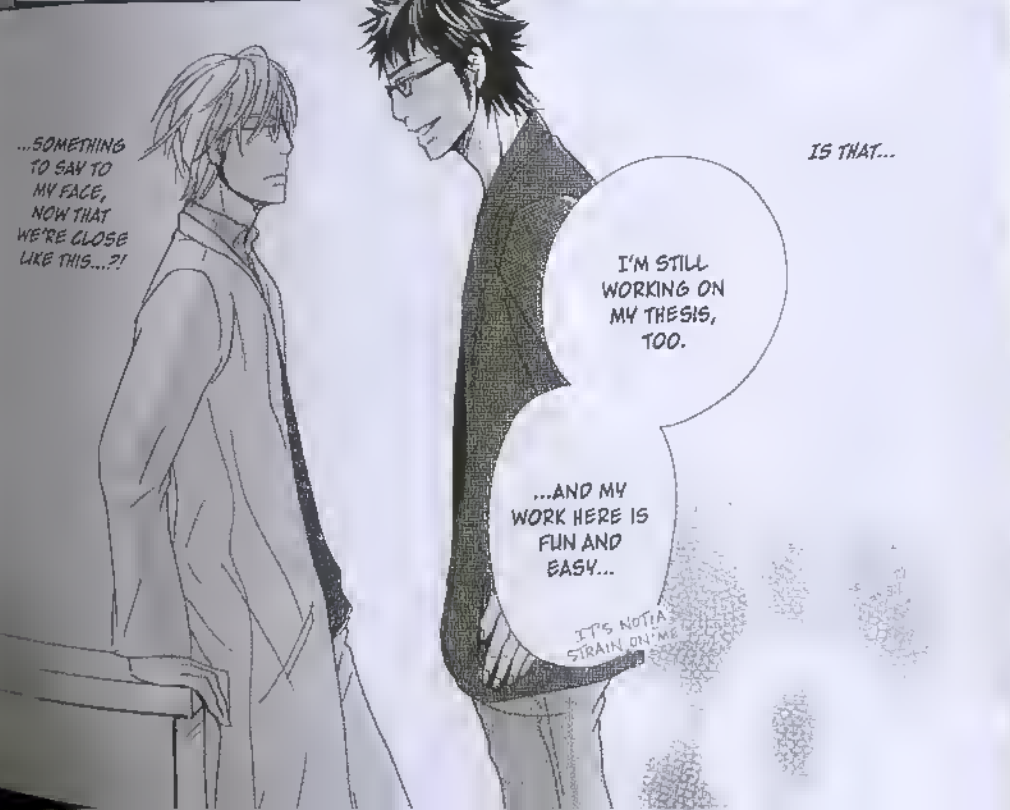
DON'T
WORRY.

ABOUT
WHAT?!

YOU NEVER
DID LIKE
DOING IT IN A
PLACE LIKE
THIS...

I'LL WAIT

...I GUESS
I'M NOT
SURPRISED...



...SOMETHING
TO SAY TO
MY FACE,
NOW THAT
WE'RE CLOSE
LIKE THIS...?!

IS THAT...

I'M STILL
WORKING ON
MY THESIS,
TOO.

...AND MY
WORK HERE IS
FUN AND
EASY...

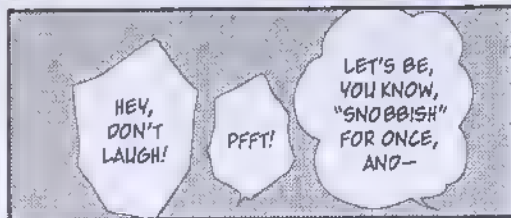
IT'S NOT A
STRAIN ON ME



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NEVER MIND THAT?"

WHAT?!

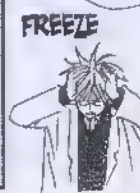
NEVER MIND THAT. LET'S GO OUT ON A DATE ONCE WINTER VACATION STARTS.



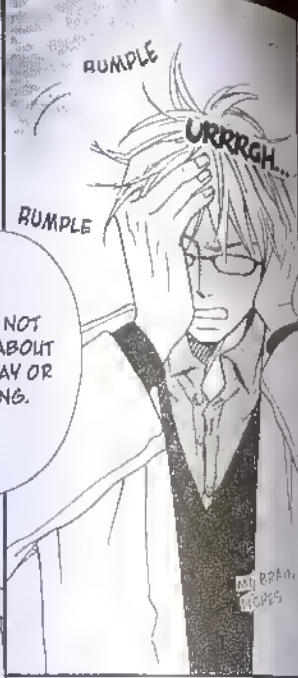
HEY, DON'T LAUGH!

PFFT!

LET'S BE, YOU KNOW, "SNOBBISH" FOR ONCE, AND—



FREEZE

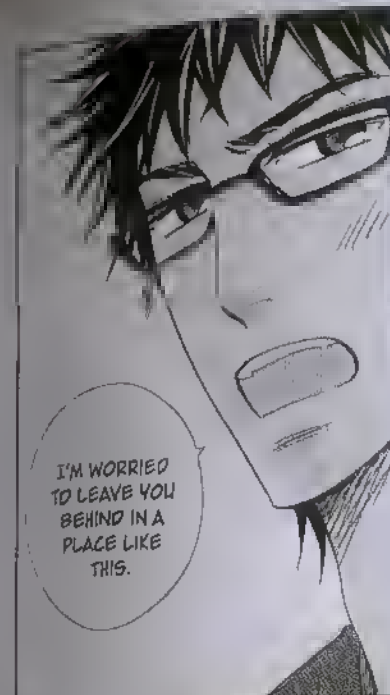


RUMBLE

URRRGH...

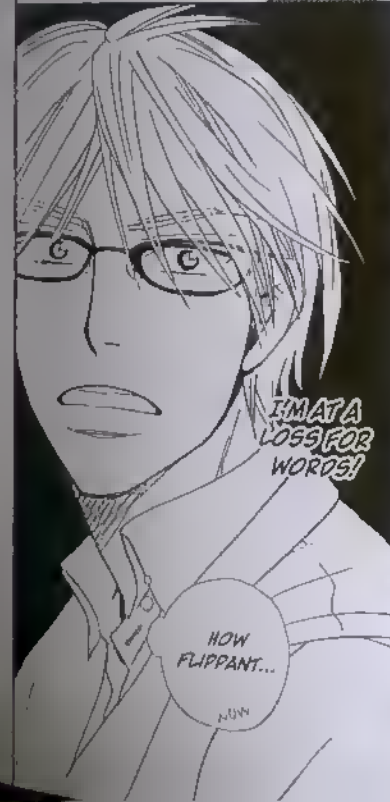
RUMBLE

BUT I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT RIGHT AWAY OR ANYTHING.



I'M WORRIED TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

HUH?! WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT...?!



WHAT A LOSS FOR WORDS!

HOW FLIPPANT...

NUN



YOU SEE—

ONCE I OBTAIN YOU, I PLAN TO QUIT THIS JOB...

AND WHEN I DO, I WANT YOU COME ALONG WITH ME.

LAST TIME I WAS BACK IN TOKYO, THEY'D OPENED THIS REALLY GREAT NEW FRENCH RESTAURANT AND—

SO WHY IS THAT HE HAS NO HESITATION?

WHAT IS HE SAYING? TOTAL MADNESS

DON'T TELL ME...YOUR PARENTS TOOK YOU THERE OR SOMETHING, RIGHT?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM.

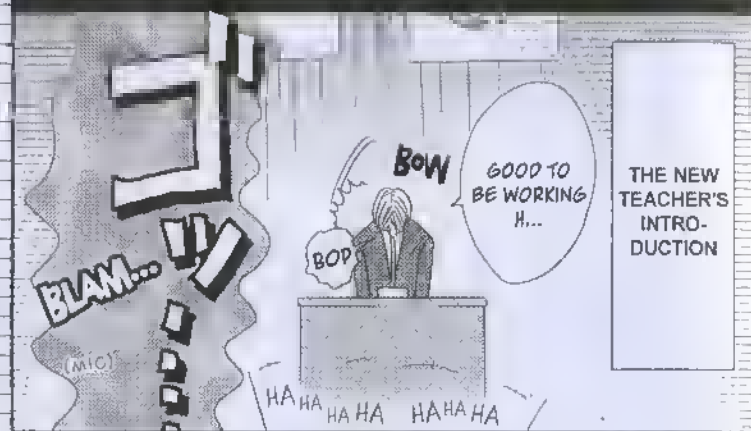
NO WAY... HOW DID YOU KNOW?

SOMETIMES I CAN'T TELL WHETHER YOU'RE CLEVER OR STUPID...

HAHAHA...

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BONUS 2: THE TEACHER I LOVE



END

*IN JAPAN, BLOOD TYPES ARE SAID TO DETERMINE PERSONALITY AN AB BLOOD TYPE WOULD INDICATE AN UNPREDICTABLE PERSON



BUT...

